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* ORIENTAL	5284	J. F. Jephson	6th Jan.
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* CARTHAGE	5198	J. R. London	20th „
M. L. ORIENTAL	5284	J. F. Jephson	27th „
* ARABIA	7903	J. L. Parfitt	3rd Feb.
M. L. CARTHAGE	5198	J. R. London	10th „
* CALEDONIA	7558	E. H. Gordon	17th „
M. L. ARABIA	7903	J. L. Parfitt	24th „
* PENINSULAR	5287	W. Wheler	3rd Mar.
M. L. CALEDONIA	7558	E. H. Gordon	10th „
* EGYPT	7912	G. Langbourne	17th „
M. L. PENINSULAR	5287	W. Wheler	24th „
* ORIENTAL	5284	J. F. Jephson	31st „
M. L. EGYPT	7912	G. Langbourne	7th April.
* SHANNON	4362	J. Chellew	14th „
M. L. CHINA	7899	T. S. Angus	21st „
* ORIENTAL	5284	J. F. Jephson	28th „
M. L. ARABIA	7903	J. L. Parfitt	5th May.
* CARTHAGE	5198	J. R. London	12th „
M. L. CALEDONIA	7558	E. H. Gordon	19th „

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IMPERATOR	G. Klausberger	4,140	1st Mar. 1900.
IMPERATRIX	G. Morovich	4,213	1st April. 1900.

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	Deck.
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Steamers.	Captains.	Tons.	To sail on or about
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GISELA	F. Mosca	4,253	7th Feb., 1900.
TRIESTE	A. Mitis	5,095	7th March, 1900.

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OCEANIEN	4,249	Schmitz	18th Jan. 1900.
CALEDONIAN	4,232	Boucard	15th Feb. 1900.
INDUS	6,300	Chevalier	15th March, 1900.
SYDNEY	4,232	Aubert	12th April, 1900.
YARRA	4,255	X	10th May, 1900.

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F. D. STRANACK,
Manager.

Bombay, 30th June, 1899.

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Firstly.—All that piece or parcel of land, together with a message and house standing thereon, situate at Breach Candy or Pallow Road, and assessed by the Collector of Land Revenue under old No. 46, and new No. 352, old Survey No. 398, and new Survey No. 252, and assessed by the Municipality under Ward Nos. 4217 and 4219 and Street Nos. 393, 395 (1) (2), and containing by admeasurement 500 (five hundred) square yards or thereabouts, and bounded as follows:—That is to say, on or towards the west, by Breach Candy or Pallow Road, on or towards the east, partly by the house of Anandrao Vinayak, and partly by the house of Gunputrao Ramchunder, and others, on or towards the north, by a gully belonging to the mortgagor and beyond which is the property of Rao Bahadur Vasudew Jugganath Kirtikar, and on or towards the south, by a gully, belonging to the mortgagor, and partly to the property of Harichand Sukharam and others.

On TUESDAY, the 9th instant, at 4 p.m.

Secondly.—All that piece or parcel of land, together with the buildings and chawls standing thereon, situate at Cathedral Street, Bhooleshwar Road, bearing Collector's old No. 639, new No. 2948, old Survey Nos. 270 and 271, and new Survey Nos. 405 and 407, and assessed by the Municipality under Ward No. 4463, and Street Nos. 12 to 22, and containing by admeasurement 385 square yards or thereabouts, and bounded as follows:—That is to say, on or towards the east, by Cathedral Church Street, on or towards the west, by the house formerly belonging to Krishnanath Phakir, but now of Purbhuram Jeevanram, on or towards the north, by the property of Purshotam Samjee, and on or towards the south, by Anant Rishis Lane.

On WEDNESDAY, the 10th instant, at 4 p.m.

Thirdly.—All that piece or parcel of land, with building or house standing thereon, situate at Samuel Street, Mandvi, and bearing Collector's old No. 1575, new No. 7132, old Survey No. 608, and new Survey No. 9203, and assessed by the Municipality under Ward No. 1622 and Street No. 62, and containing by admeasurement 80 square yards or thereabouts, and bounded as follows:—That is to say, on or towards the east, by a sweeper's passage, on or towards the west, by Samuel Street, on or towards the north—and on or towards the south, by Israil's Musjid.

On THURSDAY, the 11th instant, at 4 p.m.

Fourthly.—All those pieces or parcels of land, with the salt pans thereon, called Motti Pegamberi and Luhani Pegamberi Antope at Matunga and assessed by the assessment of Collector under old No. —— new No. —— old Survery No.—and new Survey No.—— and assessed by the Municipality under Ward Nos. 3929A, 3191, and 3928A, and Street No. 327, beds 1202 and 90 beds and containing upwards of two lakhs of square yards or thereabouts and bounded as follows:—That is to say, on or towards the north by sankal salt pans, on or towards the south, partly, by Chandni salt pans, and partly by Romlals Agar, belonging to Government, on or towards the east, by public passage, and on or towards the west, by Batty fields belonging to the said mortgagor.

On FRIDAY, the 12th instant, at 4 p.m.

Fifthly.—All that piece or parcel of land with the building and a bungalow standing thereon, situate, lying, and being at Warden Road on steps leading to Mahaluxmi Temple, and assessed by the Municipality under Ward No. 3900, and Street No. 37, and containing by admeasurement 300 square yards or thereabouts and bounded as follows:—On or towards the east, by a gully belonging to the mortgagor, and which is the property of Rao Bahadur Vasudeo Jagganath, on or towards the west, by a gully belonging jointly to the use of mortgagor and Gungadas Vizbhukhandas, on or towards the north, by public road or steps leading to Mahaluxmi Temple, on or towards the south by sea.

On SATURDAY, the 13th instant, at 4 p.m.

Sixthly.—All that piece or parcel of land at Matunga, with garden and Batty fields attached thereto and adjoining the same, together with a bungalow standing thereon, being portions of Luhani Pegamberi, and Luhani and Middle Antope, and assessed by the Collector of Assessment under old No.—new No.—old Survey No.—new Survey No.—and assessed by the Municipality under Ward No. 3987, and Street No. 1228, and bounded as follows:—That is to say, on or towards the east by the salt pan called Pegamberis, on or towards the west by the Government land, on or towards the north, partly by Government land and partly by the land of Condaji Patel and Halia Patel, and on or towards the south, by the public passage, and containing by admeasurement 60,000 square yards or thereabouts.

For further particulars and condition of sale, apply to Messrs. Edgelow, Goolabchund, and Wadya, solicitors, at their office, or to the Undersigned.

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Bombay, 1st January, 1900.

TO LOVERS OF ART.

THE establishment in the "First City in India" of a high class and fashionable Art Gallery, fitted up in the most approved and artistic style, where artists and their patrons can at all times meet to their mutual advantage, and to the advancement of Art itself, has been our desire for some years past; but the difficulties in the way of its fulfilment have been so great that the scheme has had to be abandoned—for the time being at least. We are persuaded that were we able to secure the influential support of those in high places and the help of lovers of Art in the Presidency, the Gallery would be a *fait accompli*. Another object of ours in wishing to form an Art Gallery is that we may be able to educate the native mind, and, by furnishing the people with an opportunity of viewing and comparing European work with the crude and absurd productions they have been accustomed to, cultivate a refined and more artistic taste in them. Surely this worthy desire ought to have the encouragement it reserves from all true lovers of Art!

In submitting our new Catalogue to the public, which can be obtained on application, we desire to place this object prominently before them, at the same time thanking them for the patronage and support they have already given us. It has enabled us to place the concern in some degree in as favoured a position as some of the leading Picture Dealers' establishments in London or Paris; so far, at least, as India is concerned.

A new feature, as will be seen in the present issue of the Catalogue, is that we have included all the different lines of business which we undertake in one and the same cover, whereas in former years they were printed in separate handbooks, leaflets, &c., necessitating a deal of needless repetition.

It has, therefore, been our endeavour to spare the public the tediousness of the task of looking through a number of separate prints for what they require, by compiling the present issue in as concise and handy a form as possible, adding to it an Index—a feature that was not possible to introduce in the former erratic sort of publications.

Of course, we are sensible of many defects in this our first venture: the principal one being the impossibility to embody in a trade catalogue a complete list of our stock of Engravings. We would, therefore, request those seeking any known engraving not enumerated herein to communicate with us.

We have, further, the pleasure of notifying our *clientele* of our removel into more spacious and conspicuous premises, the address of which we would ask them to kindly take particular note.

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THE SALE of landed property at Pinjari Lane or Rungari Mohla, advertised to take place TO-DAY is POSTPONED until further intimation.

On SATURDAY, the 6th instant, at 1 p. m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at Hummum Street, Fort, next to Messrs. BENESK and Co. Auctioneers, the valuable and handsome furniture such as round table and teapoys, writing and dressing tables, bentwood chairs, mirror-door almirahs, book case, iron and wooden bedsteads, glass, crockery and platedware, piano, English fire proof Chubb's lock safe, pictures, Japanese ornaments, clock by Favre-Leuba etc., etc. the property of D. SMITH, Esq., leaving Bombay.

Catalogues will be published and the property will be on view three days before the sale.

On SUNDAY, the 7th instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction in the compound of the Goculdas Tejpal Hospital, Carnac Road, the valuable and handsome French-polished blackwood and teakwood household furniture, platedware, crockery and glassware, iron-framed grand cottage pianoforte by S. Rose and Co., in perfect order, foot sewing machine nearly new, Treacher's large ice box with refrigerator, table ornaments, China vases, pictures, carpets, lamps, &c., the property of the late Dr. J. DIAS, House Surgeon.

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BONA-FIDE SALE.

On SATURDAY, the 13th instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs CRAWFORD and Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at Frere Road, Fort, opposite the European General Hospital, the valuable and handsome teak and blackwood household furniture, platedware, crockery and glassware, mahogany semi-grand piano by Boosey and Co., large size aviary with birds foot, sewing machine with cover, lamps, pictures, magic-lantern, 2 gents' pneumatic bicycles, bronze and other table ornaments, etc, the property of R. J. ELLIOTT, Esq.

Catalogues will be published, and the property will be on view, 3 days before the sale.

On SUNDAY, the 14th instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at Byramjee Jijibhoy Road, Seaside, Bandora, the valuable and handsome French polished blackwood and teakwood household furniture, platedware, crockery and glassware, Schiedmayer's grand square pianoforte, American organ, a full sized Thurston's billiard table with balls, cues, marking board and lamp, strong built office shigram, hanging lamps, &c., the property of A. HYDARI, Esq., Deputy Accountant General Bombay, proceeded to Madras.

Catalogues will be published and the property will be on view 4 days before the sale.

HIGH COURT.
Suit No. 688 of 1897.
F. L. McAfee
vs.
C. S. Gordon.

In pursuance of the order made in the decree passed in the above suit in January, 1898, Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co., will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, on MONDAY, the 15th Inst., at 2-30 p.m.—

The right, title, and interest of the plaintiff and the defendant abovenamed in a certain lease of the house No. 28, Apollo Street, Fort, and made between N. M. Wadia, Esq., C. I. E., of the one part, and C. S. Gordon, of the other part, and bearing date the 27th November, 1897.

The said lease was for a term of five years, three of which are yet to expire.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, application may be made to the Undersigned.

SALE OF LANDED PROPERTY IN NEW HANUMAN LANE IN THE GULLY CALLED PATAKWADY.

Under instructions from the mortgagee, and on account and at the risk of the heirs and legal representatives of the late Lakshmibai, widow of Hari Anajee Teli, the deceased mortgagor, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in an indenture of mortgage dated the 27th day of May, 1896, Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will, on WEDNESDAY, the 17th day of January, 1900, at 4 p.m., sell the undermentioned property, by Public Auction on the premises:—

All that piece or parcel of pension and tax land or ground, together with the message, tenement, or dwelling-house and premises standing thereon, situate, lying, and being on the eastern side of the New Hanuman Lane in the Gully called Patakwady, without the Fort, in the Island and registration sub-district of Bombay, registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under old No. 117, new No. 515, old Survey No. 4-1188, and new Survey No. 1702, assessed by the Collector of Municipal Taxes under C Ward No. 1146, and Street Nos. 33 to 43, containing by admeasurement 7½ Feet in breadth or thereabouts, and 83½ feet in length or thereabouts, making about 422 square yards and two-ninths of a square yard, and bounded as follows, that is to say, on the east by the house of Ganoo Gopal, on the west by the said Hanuman Land or public passage, on the north by the sweeper's passage and on the south by a passage, land which said hereditaments, messuage, and premises were formerly in the occupation of the said Luxmibai and her tenants and are now in the occupation partly of the tenants of the vendor, and partly by Gitabai, wife of Harib Dhondiba.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply either to the undersigned or to Mr. Mincheher Ardeshir Vakil, attorney for the mortgagee at his office at Watson's Buildings, No. 3, Church Gate Street, Fort, Bombay.

On SATURDAY, the 20th inst., at 1 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at No. 1, Elphinstone Circle (top floor), Fort, the valuable and handsome french-polished blackwood and teakwood household furniture, best platedware, crockery and glassware, mahogany square pianoforte by Schiedmayer and Soehne, Stuttgart, in good order, Rose's cottage pianoforte, rich table ornaments, Parian figures, pictures, valuable books, hanging lamps, &c., the property of Mrs. SAM POOLE.

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CRAWFORD & Co.

Bombay, 3rd January, 1900.

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NOTICES.

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THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION will be held in BOMBAY in MARCH, 1900. 47 Prizes offered. For prospectus, etc., Apply to the HONY. SECY., Elphinstone College, Bombay.

NOTICE.

WE have THIS DAY ADMITTED Mr. SILAS MEYER MOSES, a PARTNER in our several Firms in England, India, and China.

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SAMPLES (in bottles of 1-4 oz. English) of the SULPHATE of QUININE TO BE SOLD by Auction at Batavia on 28th February, 1900, can be obtained on application to Messrs. McNEILL & Co. Agents, Bandong Quinine Manufactory, Samarang. Messrs. MACLAIVE WATSON & Co. Batavia; Messrs. FRASER EATON & Co., Sourabaya and the Undersigned.

Catalogues containing full particulars of lots and conditions of sale will be sent to applicants as soon as issued.

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CORPORATION OF CALCUTTA.

LOAN NOTIFICATION.

THE COMMISSIONERS of CALCUTTA are prepared, with the sanction of the Governor-General in Council given under Section 404 of Act II (B. C.) of 1888, to open a Debenture Loan for Rs. 5,00,000 (five lakhs) out of the unallotted balance of the sanctioned loan of 25 lakhs advertised for on the 14th August, 1899, on the security of the rates, taxes and dues imposed and levied under the Calcutta Municipal Consolidation Act, 1888.

2. The debentures will have a currency of (25) twenty-five years from the 1st November, 1899, and will bear interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, payable on the 1st May and the 1st November of each year. Provided that anticipation interest on the earnest deposits as well as on all subsequent deposits made under this notification will be paid to the successful tenderers as specified in paras 8 and 13 of this Notification, and the payment will be noted on the back of the Debentures when issued as payment in full for the first-half year ending 30th April, 1900.

3. The form of the debentures will be that given in the Twelfth Schedule of Act II (B. C.) of 1888.

4. No debentures will be issued for any sum less than Rs. 5 0, and above that amount debentures will be issued only for multiples of Rs. 100.

5. Tenders for the whole or any part of the above loan of Rs. 5,00,000 will be received by the Secretary to the Corporation up to 2 o'clock P. M., on Friday, the 5th January, 1900.

6. Each tender must be made out in the form annexed to this Notification, and enclosed in a sealed cover, addressed to the Secretary to the Corporation, and superscribed—" Tender for Municipal Loan of 1899-1900."

7. Each tender must be accompanied by an earnest deposit in Government promissory notes, Calcutta municipal debentures, currency-notes or cheques for not less than 3 per cent. of the amount tendered.

8. When a tender is accepted, the earnest deposit, when made in currency-notes or cheques, will be held as a payment in part of the amount tendered, and will bear interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum from the date of acceptance of the tender, provided that the whole amount tendered is paid up in the manner hereinafter prescribed; but no debenture will issue for the amount of the earnest deposit so long as the entire amount of the tender is not paid, but debentures may be issued for each instalment paid in full, the earnest deposit not being included in any but the last instalment.

9. The earnest deposits on tenders, which may not be accepted, will be returned on application, and no interest will be payable on such deposits. If an allotment after being made is not taken up, or the full amount allotted is not paid as hereinafter prescribed, the earnest deposit will be forfeited.

10. The rate at which a tender is made must be specified in rupees, or rupees and annas; but not in any fraction of an anna. If a rate containing a fraction of an anna is inserted in any tender, such fraction will be struck out, and the tender treated as if the rate did not contain such fraction of an anna. A tender in which the rate is not specified in rupees or rupees and annas will be rejected as null and void.

11. The whole amount of each allotment will be divided into two equal instalments as follows, payable into the Bank of Bengal:—

Instalment I. As near as possible to 50 per ct. payable on 18th January, 1900.

Instalment II. As near as possible to 50 per ct. * payable on 31st January, 1900.

N. B.—The words "as near as possible" are used in this paragraph for the purpose of making each instalment an exact multiple of Rs. 100 for debentures in excess of Rs. 500.

12. Parties, whose tenders are accepted, will have the option of paying all or any of the instalments before the dates specified above, and will receive interest from the date of such payment.

13. Anticipation interest will be paid on all instalments from the respective dates on which such instalments are paid into the Bank of Bengal to the 30th April, 1900.

14. In the case of two or more tenders at the same lowest rate accepted, a "pro rata" allotment will be made, but no such allotment will be issued if the amount thus allottable on any tender is less than Rs. 500.

15. A minimum having been previously fixed, tenders will be opened by the Loan Committee of the Commissioners, at 2-30 p.m., on Friday, the 5th January, 1900, at the Municipal Office.

* Including earnest deposit, if in currency-notes or cheque.

W. R. MACDONALD,
Secretary to the Corporation.

Municipal Office: Calcutta, 22nd December, 1899.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR DEBENTURES.

I hereby tender for Rs. of the Municipal four (4) per cent. Debenture Loan for 1899-1900 and agree to pay for the same at the rate of Rupees annas for every Hundred Rupees allotted to me, subject to the conditions stated in the Notification dated the 22nd December, 1899.

I enclose Government Promissory Notes, Calcutta Municipal Debentures, Currency-notes, or a Cheque for Rs. , as earnest deposit.

(Signed).......................................

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Bank of Madras	10,000	500	all	10 pr. ct.	1,160
Commercial Bank of India	10,000 15,000	100	100 75	6 p.c.	90
EXCHANGE BANKS.					
Agra	1,00,000	£6	all	3 pr. ct.	80
Charter Bank	40,000	£20	£20	10 pr. ct.	£29 1-2
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	80,000	dol. 125	all	£1-10-0	£57 1
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Alliance	1,500	1,100	all	..	205
Anglo-Indian	1,345	..	0	Nil	22
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Aurangabad S. & M. Co., Ld.		1,000	1,000	60	
Bailary S.&W. Co., Ld. (Bellary)	971	60	all	9 per ct.	1,00)
Berar Manfg Co., Ld	2,750	550,000	20)	12 1-2	165
Bombay United	90	1,000	1,000	Nil	350
Bombay Cotton Manfg. Co.	90	500	500	dvd Rs 2	425
Bombay National Manfg. Co., Ld	500	1,000	1,000	..	90
Britannia Mills	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs.5	300
Bombay Woollen Manfg. Co. Ltd	650	1,000	1,000	10 per ct.	1,003
Central India	1,000	500	500	dvd Rs,50	1,060
China Mills Co. Ld.	800	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs.3	435
City of Bombay Mills	800	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs.2	550
Coimbatore S. and W.	6,000	100	100	9 pr ct.	1
Connaught Mills	600	500	500	25	525
Colaba Land & Mills	4,000	700	...	Rs. 10	390
Coorla Mills	800	1,000	1,000	Rs. 2	360
Currimbhoy Mills	80	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs60	600
David Mill	1,400	500	500	dvd Rs30	290
Dhulia Ginning and Pressing Co. Ld.	400	250	all	dvd Rs20	255
Dhun Mills	1,000	1,000	1,000	Nil	150
Empress	2,100	500	600	Nil	280
Framjee Petit	1,250	1,000	1,000	Nil	280
Hindustan	875	1,000	1,000	Nil	290
Hingunghat Mills	700	500	500	4.	670
Howard and Bulloughs	1,500	500	500	50	500
Hope Mills	500	1,000	1,000	30	450
Hyderabad	700	1,000	1,000	20	1,220xd
Imperial Cotton	900	500	500	Nil	160
Indian Manfg.	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvd 30	410
Indo-China Manufacturing Co., Ld	700	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs 50	500
James Greaves	1,100	500	500	25	450
Jaffer Alli	600	500	500	dvd Rs 20	220
Jamshed Manufacturing Co.	1,800	250	250	Nil	125
Jewraj Balloo	1,000	1,000	1,000	no dvd	375
Jubilee Mills Co., Ld	8,430	1,000	1,000	20	300
Khandeish	7,500	1,500	1,000	dvd Rs65	680
Khangaum Manfg. Co.	11,000	250	250	65	500xd
Khatao Makunjee	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs25	400
Leopold	3,500	100	103	dvd Rs.5	150
Lord Reay Mfg	415	1,000	1,000	30	200
Lakmidas Spinning & Weaving Co.	1,000	1,000	1,000	Rs 30	615
Madras United	356	1,000	1,000	Rs 100	2,600
Mahaluxmee	600	1,000	1,000	Nil	75
Mahboob Shah Mills (Gulburga)	8,400	500	500	pr ct.	...
Manockjee Petit	4,000	1,000	1,000	vd 60	1,680
Mohanlal K. Parekh G & Mfg Co. Ld., Amraoti	300	100	11	dvd Rs15	...
Mazagon	5,000	250	...	dvd Rs. 5	45
Morarji Goculdass	1,050	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs 45	1,320
Mysore S & M. Co., Ld	4,000	250	250	dvd Rs15	200
Madura Mills	7,779	100	100	Nil	...
National	6,500	1,000	1,000	Nil	pa 52
New Great Eastern	1,400	1,000	1,000	Rs. 2.	120
Oriental	5,725	625	25	dvd Nil	10
Presidency Mills. Co.(Ld).	742	1,	1,000	dvd Rs50	575
Queen Mills	890	1,500	1,000	Rs30	540
Ripon Mills	600	1,000	1,000	Nil	700
Saraswati Mills	1,250	500	500	Nil	500
Sassoon	1,500	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs20	500
Sholapore Mills	500	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs75	1,725
Soonderdas	750	1,000	1,000	Rs30	325
Southern India	1,000	500	500	Nil	100
Southern Mahratta	1,212	250	250	dvRs 12½	255
Sun Mills, Ld.	1,300	250	2,0	Rs. 15	225
Standard Mills Co.	1,000	500	500	15	130
Star of India	1,000	1,000	1,000	Nil	600
Swadeshi Mills	3,000	500	500	dvd R22½	525
Sassoon and Alliance	3,000	500	500	dvd Rs 20	295
Union Spinning and Manufacturing Co	500	1,000	1,000	50	
Union Mills Ld.	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs 20	250
Venishunker Lukhmishunker C Mill Co. Ld.	900	500	500	dvd Rs40	410xd
Victoria Mills	550	1,000	1,000	Nil	2
Western India	1,200	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs50	225
Wadhwan City Ginning Pressing & Manufacturing Co., Ld.	400	50	all	dvdR-	25
Wadia Mills	1,000	1,000	1,000	81	...

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

G. I. P. R. Consolidated Stock	...	£100	...	...	...
B. B. & C. I. R. Co. New £12 Shares	...	£10	...	...	...
Ahmedabad Prantej Ry.	500	500	..	4 pr. ct.	607½
Tapti Valley Ry. Co.	500	500		4 pr. ct.	477½

PRESS COMPANIES.

				Yearly.	
Akbar	200	1,250	1,250	125	1,300x1
Albert Ginning Co.	100	500	all	18 pr. ct.	410
Albert (Kurrachee)	200	1,100	1,100	Rs. 80	735
ellary	167	1,000	1,000	dvd 14 x	13
Bhownugger City Press & Manfg. Co. Ld	550	250	250	25	275
Bombay Cotton	1,000	125	125	Nil.	75
Breuls Cawnpore Press Co., Ld	500	200	200	dvd R30	180xd
Broach City Press Co., Ld	600	200	200	dv Rs 20	200xd
Colaba	500	1,880	1,880	dvd Rs 15	315
East India	350	1,000	1,000	125	1,325
English Press and Manfg	400	200	...	dvd Rs 9	60
Fort	150	8,300	500	dvd Rs20	650
French	300	500	50	dvd R 40	510
Harvey and Sabapathy	450	450	500	dvd Rs35	340xd
Hingoli Press Co., Ld	700	100	100	Rs 17	133xd
Khangaum	210	450	450	dvd Rs 80	475xd
Mahuva Press Co., Ld	300	200	all	15 pr. ct.	235
Mahmadpura Cotton G. and P. Co., Ld	300	500	500	53	55
Mercantile	600	125	125	dvd Rs 5	60
Mofussil Co	125	400	400	dvd Rs35	332½
Munmar M.	000	250	all	dvd Rs20	180
New Berar	00	500	500	dvd Rs50	490
New Indian	00	125	125	dv Rs12½	142½
Prince of Wales	100	500	00	20	165
Sabapathy (Bellary)	500	500	70	30	340 310xd
Sassoon	300	500	500	20	585
Sind and Punjab Co.	100	1,000	1,000	125	1,800
Sind	400	2,000	750	20	325
Sorab Woollen Mills	200	250	250	Nil.	75
Surat City Press Co., Ld.	37	200	all	1	
Volkart	...	000	—	Rs 80	95

AMERICAN COTTON CROP MOVEMENTS.—The London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company have just issued their "American Cotton Crop Movements Book" (seventh edition) for the new season. This brochure has been thoroughly revised, and brought up to the latest available dates, and we have no doubt that its utility and serviceableness will be more than maintained by the present issue. As in former years, the tables deal with the various phases of the crop, such as its magnitude, nature, and condition, and also the receipts, deliveries, distribution consumption, &c., and as they are concisely and clearly arranged, and afford such complete date, they must obviously be of substantial benefit to all engaged in, or in any way connected with, the cotton business. As usual, the Company have taken pains to secure the best practical advice and assistance in the compilation of the figures, which can, therefore, be taken as absolutely reliable.

SMOKE "RICHMOND GEM"—Cigarettes in round air-tight tins of 50, of all Tobacconists.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 35m. Sun sets, 5h. 35m. High water, 2-30m., 2-58a. Low water, 8 46m., 8-32a. Municipal Standing Committee, 3 30 p.m.

THE VICTORIA GARDENS.—A black lemur (Lemur macoco) has been kindly presented to the zoological collection by Mr. Douglas Bennett.

PRINCE'S DOCK.—The steamers Naseri and Assyria entered the dock on Sunday and the steamer Ujina on Monday. The steamers Stolzenfels and Hornby Castle left the dock on Saturday.

VICTORIA DOCK.—The steamers Afghan and Chusan entered the dock on Monday and the steamer Trenthem Hall yesterday. The steamers Bisagno left the dock on Saturday and Imperator on Monday.

POSTAL NOTICES.—Mails for Mauritius, Reunion, and Tamatave, via Tuticorin and Colombo, will be closed at the General Post Office, at 7 p.m., to-day, and to-morrow, the 3rd and the 4th inst.—Mails for Bushire and Busreh, per extra, s.s. Goa, will be closed at the General Post Office, at 1-30 p.m., to-day.

THE MURDER AT CRAWFORD MARKET.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. P. H. Dustur, Constable Humphreys charged Tribhowan Govind *alias* Mustan, with causing the death of one Fatoo Isak on Friday last, at the Crawford Market. On the application of the police officer, the case was remanded till Friday next.

REPORTED THEFT OF A BICYCLE.—Joseph Bess, who resides at Sankli Street and is employed at the Victoria Dock as a fitter, has reported to the police that he left his bicycle on the footpath outside the Kelly's Hotel buildings, Bellasis Road, on the evening of the 30th ultimo, and went upstairs on the second floor to visit a friend. On his return about fifteen minutes after he found his bike missing.

DANCE AT PAREL.—The dance given by some of the Portuguese residents in Parel on New Year's Eve was attended by a large number of ladies and gentlemen of that community. For the occasion a large *pendal* was erected in front of "Petit Villa," and the interior was tastefully decorated with bunting and evergreens. The programme of the entertainment, under the able management of the committee and specially of Mr. A. Siqueira who was the M. C., deserves great credit. The orchestra of the Victoria Band enlivened the evening with selected pieces of music, and the programme was brought to a successful termination in the early hours of the morning.

ROBBED AT A THEATRE.—Poonamchund Panachund, a Marwaree, resident of Nasik, presented a petition to the Bombay Police on the 9th December last, stating that while at the Novelty Theatre on the previous evening, he had been robbed of gold ornaments set with pearls and currency notes and cash, of the aggregate value of Rs. 450. Immediately after presenting the petition, the Marwaree ran away to Nasik through fear of plague, and the police investigation could not be proceeded with in his absence. He was sent for and he arrived only two days ago. He then stated that the property had been stolen from his pocket which was cut open.

MILL-HAND STRIKE.—The operatives of the Jacob Sassoon Mill, at Supari Baug Road, Parel, again went on strike yesterday afternoon, in consequence of the owner having notified that instead of closing the mill for three days in a week, he had resolved to cut their wages by two annas in the rupee. The employes would not agree to this and they instantly ceased working and collected in the compound. The mill was closed and the police were informed. The latter arrived and the strikers quietly left the mill premises. The operatives adhered to their original demand of closing the mill twelve days in a month. instead of working it full time and reducing their wages.

MESSRS. J. P. KARKARIA AND D. DHONDY'S CLASSES.—Mr. J. P. Karkaria, B.A. and Mr. D. Dhondy, M.A., have opened their Matriculation Class on a wider and sounder basis with the New Year. The success which their endeavours during the last two years have met from the students have encouraged them to increase and strengthen their staff and to meet the want of students studying for the Matriculation Examination better. The successes of their students at the University Examination are a good sign of their efficiency. They have also opened classes for the P. E and Intermediate Examinations, which have already been well attended. The staff of teachers, we see, includes capable men who have large experience of the student world.

PRESIDENCY RELIEF FUND.—The Secretary of the Bombay Grain Merchants' Association has sent the following letter to the Honorary Secretary of the Presidency Relief Fund:—I am directed by Mr. Lukhamsee Nappoo, the President of this Association, to inform you of the resolution passed at the general meeting of the Association held on the 27th ultimo:—"That from Poush Sood 1st to Ashad Vad 30th of the current year, a contribution of four annas per every 100 bags of grain and seeds sold to be collected by the Association and out of the said collections a sum of Rs. 2,500 be paid to the Hindoo Nirashrit Balraksha Fund for the maintainance of fifty orphans and the remainder to be paid at the Bank of Bombay in aid of the Bombay Presidency Relief Fund.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO A BOY.—Mr. Allan F. Turner, the coroner, held an inquiry yesterday, at the Goculdas Tejpal Hospital, regarding the death of Oomar Syed, a Mahomedan lad, aged eleven years. The deceased resided with his grandmother at Nagdevi Street. On Saturday evening, the lad was going to buy some milk from a confectioner's shop in the locality and while attempting to cross the road in front of a tram-car, he was knocked down by one of the horses attached to the car. One of the wheels grazed the deceased's left leg and caused a wound about nine inches long on the thigh. The injured boy was conveyed to the Goculdas Tejpal Hospital, where he died on Monday evening. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

AN OLD OFFENDER.—At the Mazagon Police Court yesterday, Elahibux Salay Mahomed, a Mahomedan, was charged by Inspector Power, before Mr. S. B. Spencer, with theft of a metal watch and nine silver buttons, of the value of Rs. 10, the property of Rahimtulla Dharamsey, who resides at Nishanpada. One night about two months ago, complainant was lying asleep in his room, when accused entered the place through an open window, by climbing up a waste water pipe and stole the watch and buttons from a *bundee*, which was kept hanging on a nail in the wall. On Saturday last, Inspector Power arrested the accused in connection with another case of theft and recovered the property in this case, from a Marwaree, who admitted having purchased it from the accused. The accused was on old offender, having been discharged from the Jail about three months ago, after serving imprisonment for one year. The magistrate sentenced the accused to four months' rigorous imprisonment.

THEFT ON BOARD A STEAMER.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. P. H. Dastur, acting Second Presidency Magistrate, Salvadore Britto and Ooka Ramji were charged with the theft of a box, containing articles of wearing apparel, of the value of Rs. 746, belonging to Dr. H. W. B. Boyd, and with aiding and abetting each other in the commission of the offence. Mr. Kothare, pleader, defended the second accused. The case for the prosecution was that the box arrived in the s. s. Egypt on Friday last, and the accused took charge of it along with two other boxes at the Ballard Pier. The two boxes were taken to the Watson's Hotel and handed over to their respective owners, but the third was carried to the house of the first accused, where the name of Dr. Boyd was removed from the lid of the box. The theft having been reported to the police, the accused were arrested. The first accused stated in his defence that as he could not find the owner, he took the box to his own house. The second accused stated that he simply carried the box and was paid one rupee for his trouble. The magistrate convicted the first accused and sentenced him to six months' rigorous imprisonment. The second accused was discharged.

BOMBAY THIRD EXTRA MEETING.

SATURDAY, 6TH JANUARY 1900.

2nd Entries closed on Tuesday, 2nd January, at 7 p.m.

The Dealers' Plate—Distance 1-2 mile.

(1st Entries 6.)

7 Mr Milward's ch a h Cyrus, 4 years.
8 Mr Flower's b a h Flower King 11-03 years.
9 Messrs Mathuradass Goculdass and Anandjee Nanjee's b a h Arabian Peer, 6 years.

The Parel Plate—Distance 6 furlongs.

(1st Entries 4.)

5 Mr A R Amer's b a h Sweet William, 13-2, aged.
6 Mr B's g a g Twilight, 13-2, aged.

CECIL GRAY,
Secretary, W. I. T. C.

Bombay, 2nd Jan. 1900.

FLORILINE.—FOR THE TEETH AND BREATH. A few drops of the liquid "Floriline" sprinkled on a wet tooth-brush produces a pleasant lather, which thoroughly cleanses the teeth from all parasites or impurities, hardens the gums, prevents tartar, stops decay, gives to the teeth a peculiar pearly whiteness and a delightful fragrance to the breath. It removes all unpleasant odour arising from decayed teeth or tobacco smoke. "The Fragrant Floriline," being composed in part of honey and sweet herbs, is delicious to the taste, and the greatest toilet discovery of the age. Price 2s. 6d. of all Chemists and Perfumers. Wholesale Depot, 13, Farringdon Road, London, England

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TITLED NATIVES AND J. P.s.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—It is well known that many Justices of the Peace, resident in Bombay, are largely sought after in business matters of importance and have to perform functions of trust and responsibility from which some of the men holding high native titles of personal distinction under "sanads" from the Viceroy—such as Khan and Rai Bahadurs are exempt—these notables not being gazetted Justices. I do not know whether the latter consider this a grievance; but I submit in fairness this gentry should be called upon to share the burden of those onerous functions discharged by the Justices. I am sure the confidence thus reposed in them by the Local Government would be appreciated and as they already occupy a comparatively higher status and enjoy, in common with the Justices, the privilege of exemption from the Indian Arms Act, it would be simply a case of the greater honour containing the lesser. There are at best, but few such cases. I respectfully submit the suggestion for the consideration of the authorities as the new list of Justices is under preparation for publication shortly, and as the selection made is invariably from men of position and status in society.—Yours, &c.,

Bombay, January 2. P.

THE WEATHER.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M., ON TUESDAY, THE 2ND OF JANUARY, 1900.

1. The barometric readings are corrected to Calicut standard, reduced to the same temperature Mo and also to the sea level and corrected to the constant gravity at Lat. 45.

2. The 2nd column under the head 'Wind' gives the average motion of the air in miles per hour during the past 14 hours, and is obtained by dividing the total number of miles of wind registered by an anemometer during the previous 24 hours by 24.

3. The temperatures given in the table are of the air in the shade or in a small shade with open sides and a thatched or straw roof. The maximum (max.) and minimum (min.) temperatures are the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours preceding 8 a.m.

4. The humidity is given as a percentage expressing rates of the actual amount of moisture in the air to the amount required to saturate it.

STATIONS.	Pressure, 8 A.M.	WIND.		TEMPERATURE IN SHADE.		Humidity, 8 A.M.	RAINFALL.		
		Direction.	Rate per hour.	Maximum of past 24 hours.	Minimum of past 24 hours.		Past 24 hours.	Since 1st Nov. to date.	Variation, 1st Nov. to date.
Lahore	30·055	Calm	2	73·6	42·2	74	...	0·00	−0·52
Sirsa	30·028	NE	4	77·2	44·1	41	...	0·00	−0·40
Delhi	29·983	W	1	78·2	52·1	59	...	0·00	−0·41
Agra	29·958	NE	1	79·0	54·4	63	..	0·00	−0·26
Cawnpore	29·969	Calm	0	78·7	48·0	81	...	0·00	..
Allahabad	29·960	Calm	2	79·2	50·4	91	...	0·00	−0·50
Jhansi	29·967	WSW	2	82·7	60.1	53	...	0·00	−0·27
Jacobabad	30·051	Calm	6	75·9	42·0	41	...	0·00	−0·26
Karachi	30·038	Calm	5	81·9	54·2	37	...	0·18	−0·09
Jeypore	29·998	NW	3	80·2	51·5	58	..	0·01	−0·33
Ajmere	30·060	Calm	3	78·9	50·3	75	...	0·00	−0·34
Deesa	30·000	NE	8	84·5	58·0	27	...	0·00	−0·22
Ahmedabad	29·998	N	2	87·7	60·2	34	...	0·00	...
Bhuj	30·035	ENE	7	82·3	57·0	61	...	0·00	−0·10
Jamnagar	30·016	NE	9	83·0	58·3	42	...	0·01	...
Rajkot	30·005	N	5	87·4	54·0	40	...	0·00	−0·40
Bhownagar Para	29·978	W	2	86·5	57·2	30	...	0·01	..
Veraval	29·97	NNE	7	84·0	61·3	55	...	0·00	...
Neemuch	30·040	NE	5	83·0	56·1	43	...	0·01	−0·47
Indore	30·014	Calm	3	...	54·6	49	...	0·00	−0·68
Saugor	29·970	ENE	3	83·2	57·8	53	...	0·00	−1·25
Jubulpore	29·939	SE	1	84·9	48·9	63	...	0·00	−0·94
Hoshangabad	30·072	Calm	...	86·2	51·3	76	...	0·00	−1·26
Khandwa	30·021	Calm	4	89·2	55·6	33	...	0·00	−1·91
Raipur	29·970	Calm	1	90·3	58·3	43	...	0·00	−0·87
Nagpur	29·989	NNW	5	93·7	57·2	38	...	0·00	−1·61
Amraoti	30·009	SSW	6	92·7	62·8	50	...	0·00	−1·41
Akola	30·001	S	5	93·4	54·6	46	...	0·00	−1·80
Surat	29·971	Calm	3	89·6	61·5	65	...	0·00	−0·19
Malegaon	30·017	W	5	93·4	53·5	34	...	0·01	−1·04
Bombay	29·913	NE	10	84·1	68·0	66	...	0·00	−0·79
Poona	30·033	NNW	6	91·0	53·9	44	...	0·00	−1·59
Ahmednagar	30·020	Calm	3	88·9	52·5	42	...	0·00	...
Aurangabad	?	S	6	90·3	52·7	30	...	0·00	...
Sholapur	29·980	NNW	6	91·2	60·1	18	...	0·00	−1·77
Ratnagiri	29·909	SE	4	86·4	61·4	57	...	0·00	−0·62
Belgaum	29·954	Calm	...	85·8	56·9	40	...	0·00	−2·26
Goa	29·915	SE	5	85·5	65·5	82	...	0·00	...
Karwar	29·921	E	4	87·3	59·6	81	...	0·88	−2·67
Mangalore	29·921	ESE	2	88·8	63·9	55	...	0·03	−3·54
Calicut	29·910	Calm	4	85·7	63·5	77	...	0·11	−6·28
Cochin	29·907	NNE	...	87·5	67·8	77	...	1·90	−6·74
Bangalore	29·980	E	9	89·3	55·9	45	...	0·24	−3·92
Secunderabad	29·989	E	2	90·1	58·2	41	...	0·00	−2·03
Masulipatam	29·970	Calm	3	85·5	62·2	90	...	0·00	−8·13
Bellary	29·990	Calm	3	92·2	67·1	37	...	0·15	−2·12
Cuddapah	29·965	SW	L	91·1	59·3	75	...	0·45	−5·41
Madras	29·968	S	2	82·5	62·0	85	...	1·79	−16·77
Coimbatore		E	1	89·4	59·6	90	...	0·37	−4·60
Trichinopoly	29·975 29·970	Calm	3	87·5	61·4	86	...	1·75	−6·51
Negapatam	29·971	NNW	9	83·0	67·4	85	...	11·88	−16·61
Colombo	29·899	ENE	11	89·0	68·5	77	...	12·83	−7·25
Aden	29·944	ENE	27	79·3	75·4	70	...	0·00	−0·73

In column "Wind, rate per hour," L., Light, M., Moderate, F., Fresh, S., Strong, H., Heavy.

SUMMARY.

There has been a brisk rise of pressure at Lahore and Sirsa, a brisk fall at Ratnagiri and Goa, and a slight rise or fall elsewhere. Readings are highest in the north and lowest in Ceylon. Gradients are moderate to slight.

Winds are very variable in direction, and the force has been moderate to light.

The variations of both the day and night temperature are much the same as yesterday. The highest temperature in the shade was 94° at Nagpur, and the lowest 42° at Lahore.

Humidity changes are unimportant, and the skies are partially clouded at Delhi, Jacobabad, Saugor, Jabbulpore, Khandwa, Raipur, Nagpur, Amraoti and Akola.

There has been no rain at any of the reporting stations.

Fine weather with passing clouds prevails over nearly the whole country.

JAN. 1.

The pressure changes have been small and unimportant. The distribution is slightly irregular and the baric gradients are moderate to slight.

Winds are very variable in direction and the force has been moderate to light.

The variations of both the maximum and minimum temperature remain much the same as yesterday. The highest temperature in the shade was 93° at Surat and the lowest 44° at Lahore.

Humidity changes are generally small and the skies are more or less cloudy in the Madras Presidency and in many places lying to the north of Latitude 21.°

There has been no rain at any of the reporting stations.

Fine weather with passing clouds prevails over the greater part of the country.

DEC. 31.

Pressure has decreased briskly at Raipur, Allahabad and Cawnpore, and has been steady or has changed only slightly elsewhere. The distribution is somewhat irregular and the baric gradients are moderate to slight.

Winds are very variable in direction and the force has been moderate to light.

Except at Aden, Calicut and Karwar, the maximum temperature is in excess of normal in all places. The minimum is below normal in Mysore, and at Trichinopoly, Coimbatore, Madras, Cuddapah, Masulipatam, Cochin, Calicut, Mangalore, Karwar, Ratnagiri and Poona, and above it elsewhere. The highest temperature in the shade was 96° at Surat and the lowest 48° at Allahabad.

Humidity changes are unimportant and the skies are cloudy to overcast at Lahore, Jacobabad, Ahmedabad, Bhuj, Rajkot, Nagpur, Akola, Coimbatore and Aden.

There has been no rain at any of the reporting stations.

The weather is fine and settled all over the country except in the north, where it appears to be slightly unsettled.

G. L. TOWERS,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

PUNJAB.

There has been no rain. Prices are rising in Hissar, Gurgaon, Delhi, Karnal, Umballa and Dera Ismail Khan and falling or unchanged in other districts. Wheat is selling from 10 to 13 1-2, gram 11 to 14 3-8, maize 12 to 15 11-16, great millet 11 to 12, bulrush-millet 10 to 13, barley 11-1-2 to 13, and rice 9 1-2 to 10 1-2 seers per rupee. Sugarcane pressing and cotton-picking still going on in Jullunder, Amritsar and Sialkot. Harvesting of autumn crops nearly finished in Dera Ismail Khan. Sowings of spring crops continue in irrigated lands in Hissar, Rohtak, Gurgaon, Jullundur, Sialkot and Peshawar, and have been completed in Karnal, Ferozepore, Amritsar and Dera Ismail Khan. No sowings on unirrigated areas have been made for want of rain in Hissar and Amritsar. Further sowings will be made in Umballa if rain falls in the ensuing week. Some wheat has been sown in low lands in Umballa. Crops are being watered from wells. Outturn of autumn crops is average to below average in Sialkot and Dera Ismail Khan. Condition of standing crops is reported bad in Rohtak and parts of Multan and Dera Ismail Khan, below average in Umballa and Rawalpindi, and suffering in Sialkot for want of rain and insufficiency of canal water. It is good in Gurgaon and parts of Peshawar and Dera Ismail Khan. Prospects generally depend on the winter rains. Crops sown in Sialkot did not germinate satisfactorily. High winds have also done some harm to spring crops in Umballa. Rain is urgently wanted all over the Province. Water is decreasing in wells in Gurgaon. It is scarce in Karnal, as well as the Bara stream in Peshawar. Water-supply in the Kalapani stream is slightly increased, but is still much below the normal. Gram and rape crops are being damaged by caterpillars in parts of Ferozepore.

Cattle emaciated in Karnal, starving in Shahpur, Jhelum and parts of Dera Ismail Khan. Their condition is poor in other districts also for over-work and want of fodder. Fodder is generally scarce. It is said to be sufficient in parts of Peshawar. Sugarcane, reeds, leaves of trees, &c., are used as fodder. This scarcity is being keenly felt throughout the Province.

The average number of relief and test workers dependents, &c., was 110 604 against 109,681 last week. One test work was opened in Umballa, but no labourers have yet come forward. Relief works would be required in Tahsil Ajnala of the Amritsar District. Test works have been stopped in Shahpur.

NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES.

There has been no rain, though it is urgently needed for the spring crops, which, however, are generally reported to be doing well up to the present, though they are suffering in Bundelkhand and in Garhwal. In Budaun white ants have begun to cause injury. Weeding and irrigation are in progress. Sugarcane pressing and cotton picking continue. Supplies and fodder are generally sufficient, but a number of reports notice the increasing dearness of fodder. Prices remain almost stationary. Immigration continues to be reported from Bulandshahr and some immigrants from native States have passed through Bijnor. In Jhansi the number of persons on relief has rapidly increased and there were 3,208 persons on three test works in the poor house. One relief work was open in Agra, but there were no workers. There were 121 inmates in the poor house at Muttra.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.

Bombay, 1st January, 1900

Means of observations taken at 6 a.m., 10 a.m, 2 p.m. 4 p.m., and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 dex. Fah. ....inches 29·97
Temperature of the Air ....degrees 77·4
Wet Bulb Thermometer 69 0
Dew Point .... 65·0
Relative humidity of Air .... 0·659
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded = 10) .... 0·0
Maximum temperature of air (read at 8 a.m.) next day ....degrees 84·4
Minimum do. do. (read at 8 a.m.) 70 0
General Directions of wind N, NNE, NE, ENE, NW, NNW, N,
Movement of Wind in 24 hours* ....miles 239

* From midnight to midnight.

N. A. F. MOOS,
Director, Government Observatory.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ORDERS.

(*Gazette of India*, Dec. 30)

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE.

THE services of the undermentioned Officers are placed at the disposal of the Govt of the Punjab for employment on famine duty—Lieut R L Morris, 3rd Regt of Bengal Cavalry, and 2nd-Lieut H F M Browne, 21st Punjab Regt of Bengal Infantry.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

The services of Mr W Maxwell, Offg Post Master General, Bombay, are replaced at the disposal of the Home Dept.

Mr H Oung is posted as Depy Accountant Genl, Burma.

Mr W B Rootan, Supt in the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General, is appointed to act as a Supernumerary Chief Supt, and is posted to the Outside Audit Branch of the office of the Comptroller and Auditor General.

The following reversions and promotions of Officers of the Account Dept during the month of Nov. 1899 are notified:—Mr H G H Keene, to revert to class II, Mr H Oung to revert to class III, Mr K B Wagle to revert to class IV, Rai N G Basu Bahadur to revert to class V and Mr W D Wcollam to revert to class VI, of the Enrolled List. Mr F G H Anderson to officiate in class II, Mr W S Adie to officiate in class III, instead of in class II, Messrs L E Pritchard and J A Robertson to revert to class IV, Mr H G Tomkins to revert to class V, and Mr M K Ghatak to revert to class VI, of the Enrolled List. Mr J C E Branson to revert to class II, and Mr R A Gamble to revert to class III, of Accountants General. Mr W H Michael to revert to class II, of the Enrolled List.

Mr U L Majumdar is posted as Assistant Accountant General, Bengal.

Mr K L Datta is posted as Asst Comptroller Genl.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

COMMISSARIAT TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

Lieut Col H M P Hawkes, I S C, Commissary General for Transport, to officiate as Commissary General vice Lieut Col C Wingate, I S C, officiating Commissary General on special duty.

JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

The following appointments are made in the Judge Advocate General's Department in India:—Lieut Col E Balfer Deputy Judge Advocate General, 1st circle, Punjab Command, to be Judge Advocate General in India, vice Lieut-Col W H F Macmullen, whose tenure has expired Major R F H Anderson, Asst Judge Advocate General, 4th circle, Allahabad, to be a Deputy Judge Advocate General, vice Lieut Col E Balfe, and Capt H C B Dann, 10th Regt of Bombay Light Infy, to be an Assistant Judge Advocate General, vice Major R F H Anderson.

MILITARY SECRETARIAT.

Capt T A Harrison, I S C Military Accountant, 4th class, officiating Asst Secy, Military Dept, is confirmed in the latter appointment, vice Major H F S Ramsden reverted to the Military Accounts Dept.

PERSONAL STAFF.

The Viceroy and Governor General has been pleased to make the following appointment on His Excellency's Personal Staff, with effect from the 10th Nov 1899:—

To be Officiating Military Secy—Capt R G T Baker-Carr, Rifle Brigade, Aide-de-camp, vice Lieut Col A E Sandbach, Royal Engineers, proceeded to South Africa.

The Viceroy and Governor General has been pleased to make the following appointment on His Excellency's Personal Staff:—

To be Extra Aide-de-Camp.—Lieut A W F Knox, 5th Regt of Punjab Infy.

NATIVE ARMY.

8th Rajput Regt of Bengal Infy—The following direct appointment is made with effect from date of joining:—Jaskaram Singh to be Jemadar, on probation, to fill an existing vacancy.

COMMANDS—STATION.

Col E G Barrow, CB, 1st Deputy Secy to the Govt of India, Military Dept, to be Col on the Staff Commanding the Kohat Kurram Force, vice Colonel W J Vousden, V C, who has vacated.

INDIAN STAFF CORPS.

The following promotions are made, subject to H M's approval:—

Second Lieuts to be Lieutenants—R W de C Rennick, H B Cheyne, F F Innes Lillingston, B R Moberly and T Mathew.

INDIAN SUBORDINATE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT—Bengal.

Supernumerary Senior Asst Surgn and Honorary Lieut T Baptist to be Senior Asst Surgn with the honorary rank of Captain, subject to H M's approval:—Senior Asst Surgn and Honorary Lieut Isaac Burns to be Senior Asst Surgn with the honorary rank of Captain, subject to Her Majesty's approval; First class Asst Surgn George Garstin to be Senior Asst Surgn with the Honorary rank of Lieutenant, subject to Her approval; and consequent on the retirement of Senior Assistant Surgeon and Honorary Capt R F Knight.

RETIREMENTS.

Major L H Vidal, I S C temporary half pay has been permitted by the Secy of State for India to retire from the service.

VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Gorakhpore Light Horse—Farquhar Mackinnon, Gentleman, to be 2nd Lieutenant vice Stuart transferred to the Supernumerary List.

1st Battn, Calcutta Volr Rifles—J F Simmons, Gentleman to be Lieut to complete the establishment, and A L Hall Gentleman, to be Second Lieut, to complete the establishment.

East Indian Railway Volr Rifles—Second Lieut B V Radley, to be Lieut, vice Duffill promoted, and A B B Whaley, Gentleman, to be Second Lieut, vice Radley promoted.

Eastern Bengal State Railway Volr Rifles—Major A E Adie, V D, is granted the honorary rank of Lieut-Col.

South Indian Railway Volr Rifles—Lieut D G McConechy to be Captain, vice Bell transferred to the Supernumerary List and Second Lieut S J Mercer to be Lieut, vice McConechy promoted.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

The following appointments to the Royal Indian Marine have been made by the Secy of State for India—To be Sub-Lieutenants—H M K Moilliet, W H F Warren, and C R Good.

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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE s s Florida, 2,049 tons, Captain W Chapman, sailed yesterday for Calcutta, in ballast.

THE s s Wagner, 2,206 tons, Captain G Gibson, will sail to-day for London, with a general cargo.

THE Wilson Line s s Horatio, 2,081 tons, Captain T Croft, sailed yesterday for Hull, via Karachi, with a general cargo.

THE s s Gloxinia, 1,618 tons, Captain J Petrie, arrived in harbour on Monday, from Calcutta, 21st December, with a cargo of coal.

THE Bombay and Persia S N Co's s s Naderi, 1,163 tons, Captain C Harsen, sailed yesterday for Singapore, with a general cargo, and 30 deck passengers.

THE Schooner Secundersha, 117 tons, Nacoda, which arrived in harbour on Monday from Inambone 19th October brought a general cargo, and two passengers.

THE Hall Line s s Trentham Hall, 2,862 tons, Captain J Black, arrived in harbour on Monday from Liverpool 5th December with a general cargo. The vessel is consigned to Messrs Killick, Nixon and Co.

THE B I S N Co's s s Ujina, 3,426 tons, Captain J Kilpatrick, which arrived in harbour on Monday from Calcutta 16th December via coast ports, with a general cargo, and Mr E Holmes, Mr G Evans, and 5 deck passengers.

THE B I S N Co's s s Pachumba, 544 tons, Captain J Skinner, arrived in harbour yesterday, from Karachi, 30th Dec., via Kathiawar coast ports, with a general cargo, and the following passengers—Mr and Mrs Forbes, Mr Symons, Mr D'Souza, Mr Flagstant, Mr and Mrs D'Souza and Son, Miss Noronha, and 82 deck.

THE B I S N Co's s s Lawada, 2,721 tons, Captain T J Grier, arrived in harbour on Monday from Zanzibar (15th December) via Seychelles and Colombo, brought a general cargo, and the following passengers:—Mr and Mrs J E Hay, Mr and Mrs Ahmed, Mr Ismail Khatau, Mr Hussen Ismail Khatau, Mr Ismail Ahmed Khatau, Mr Couzn and 18 deck.

DEPARTURE OF THE CHINA AND AUSTRALIAN MAILS.

THE P and O S N Co's s s Bengal, 2,751 tons, Captain S Borcham, will sail to-day for China via Colombo with Her Majesty's China and Australian mails, a general cargo, and the following passengers:—Mr A H Smith, Mrs Watt, Mrs H J Lugard, Mr and Mrs Buell, Miss Buell, Mr and Mrs Browne, Mrs and Miss Maxwell, Mr C H Crocker, Mr J G Walker, Mr Cruickshank, Lieut A H Johnson, Mr B Dadabhoy, Mr N Sorabjee, Mr A B Vania, Major Banabuala, I M S, and Mr Ozanne.

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—JAN. 2.

Vessels.	Tons.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agents.
Sutlej		Weston			P & O Co
Unity	930	Hansen			Bombay Co
Booldana	2143	Creft			M M & Co
Bengo	162				Portuguese Gun Boat
Nizam	2011	Kliot	Calcutta		F Morrison & Co
H M S Lapwing		Lambert			Royal Navy
Investigator		Henning	Wet Basin		R I M S
P Stewart		Tindall	Wet Basin		I G T S
H M S Pomone		Simons	Dock		Royal Navy
Cragoswald	2035	Peran			A Montechoff
Pemba	986	Martyr			M M & Co
Arethusa sp	1188	Wilson			W & A G & Co
Goa	1217	Gimblett			M M & Co
Simla	1093	Bamber			M M & Co
H Bolckow	639	Baker			B & P S N Co
Okara	3439	Fry			M M & Co
Chilka	1477	Hutchison			M M & Co
Muttra	2935	McIntyre			M M & Co
Warora	2504	Alexander			M M & Co
Onipenta	3120	Watkeys			M M & Co
Kerbela	1468	Manwaring			M M & Co
Gulf of Trindad	1494	Duncanson			B & P S N Co

VESSELS IN DOCKS.—JANUARY 2.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessels.	Tons.	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agents.
A	Horatio	2081	Croft	Antwerp	2-1	F Muir
B	Clan Macdonald	3113	Harrison	Marseilles	8-1	F M & Co
C	Naseri	912	Raffin	Jedda	4-1	B & P S N Co
D	Wagner	2206	Gibson	London	3-1	Bombay Co
F	Ujina	3426	Kilpatrick	Durban		M M & Co
G	Ileafaee	73	Malony	Colombo		V Ebrahim
H & J	Lindula	2180	Steuart	Durban	6-1	M M & Co
K	Uriana	3120	Plommer			M M & Co
M	Pekin	2134	Hayward	Durban		P & O Co
N	Fazilka	2898	Goss	Durban	6-1	M M & Co
P	Nairung	2882	Bullock	Durban	6-1	M M & Co
R	Naderi	1163	Hansen	Singapore	2-1	B & P S N Co

HARBOUR WALL.

	Mahanadi	517	Budroo	C Mandvi	4-1	Sphrd & Co
	Kaveri	548	Ahmed	Bhownagar	4-1	Do

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shed.	Vessels.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agents
1	R Rubattino	3044	Saporito	Genoa	5-1	F Baldovino
2	Oriental	3085	Jephson	Aden	6-1	P & O Co
4	Ancona	1883	Coats	China		H C Joosub
5	Bengal	2752	Barcham	Durban	3-1	P & O Co
6	Chusan	2852	Street	China	4-1	P & O Co
10	Den of Airlie	2275	Jarvis	Hamburg	9-1	Bombay Co
12	Egypt	4179	Loughorne	London	12-1	P & O Co
14	Dwarka	759	Livingstone	Durban	4-1	M M & Co
16	Afghan	1342	Tenlon	Mauritius		H C Joosub

*Probable date of departure.

Time Ball drops at Prince's Dock at Noon, or Greenwich meantime, 7h. 8m. 44·3s.

The Time Ball over the Clock Tower at the Bombay Castle continues to be dropped regularly at 1 p.m. of Colaba meantime, or 8h. 8m. 44·30 of Greenwich meantime.

ARRIVALS.

Jan.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
1	Trentham Hall s	Black	Liverpool, Dec 5.
	Gloxinia s	Petrie	Calcutta, Dec 21.
2	Pachumba s	Skinner	Karachi, Dec 30.

DEPARTURES.

Jan.	Vessel.	Commander	Destination.
2	Horatio s	Croft	Hull via Karachi
	Naderi s	Hansen	Singapore
	Florida s	Chapman	Calcutta.

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday:—

Steamer Bengal, Borcham, for China.
" Wagner, Gibson, for London.

The following vessels entered for loading yesterday:—

Steamer Ancona, for China.
" Trentham Hall, for Liverpool, &c.
" Naseri, for Jeddah, &c.

DAILY EXPORTS.—JANUARY 2.

FOR LONDON.

Egypt s—5,200 cwt bone meal, Croft Mody and Co.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Trentham Hall s—57 bales cotton waste, Alli Mahomed Hossein.

FOR ANTWERP.

Horatio s—1,000 cwt myrabollams, Waghjee Bechur.

FOR GENOA.

Clan Macdonald s—250 tons old iron, Essajee Tajbhoy.

FOR HONGKONG.

Bengal s—7 lbs cow bazar, A C Esmailjee; 28 lbs cow bazar, Dattardina Mowjee and Co; 11 lbs cow bazar, N M Essabhoy; 8 chest opium, Soonderjee Arjun; 39 chest opium, Hajee Adam Esmail and Co; 157 cases opium, Bombay and Persia S N Company.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Bengal s—37 chests opium, Talati and Co; 40 chests opium, N J Abraham; 12 chests opium, Cursetjee Bomanjee and Co; 40 chests opium, C Ebrahim and Co; 25 chests opium, Silas E Sassoon; 27 chests opium, R S N Talati and Co; 120 chests opium, David Sassoon and Co.

BOMBAY LIGHT HORSE.

SQUADRON ORDER.

Bombay, 3rd January, 1900.

The will be Drill at the Riding School on Thursday the 4th instant, at 7 a.m. Dress—Drill Order.

G. W. MOIR, Lieut.,
Commanding B. L. H.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY MAJOR W. G. WILSON, COMMANDING B. V. A.

Bombay, 3rd January, 1900.

1. There will be 10-inch R M L Gun drill in the Town Hall Compound and at the Nesbit Road Head-quarters to-morrow (Thursday) at 5-15 p.m.

2. The following member having joined has been taken on the strength of the Corps and posted to No. 2 Sub-division No. 1 Company—No. 655 Gr. R H Jolley.

By Order,
A. J. PEILE, Captain, R. A.,
Adjutant, B. V. A.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. E. FERRERS NICHOLSON, COMMANDING B. V. R.

Bombay, 3rd January, 1900.

1. The Regiment will parade for a Field Day, on Saturday next, the 6th instant. Train leaves Victoria Terminus at 3-30 p.m. (Bombay time).

(2) Ten rounds of blank ammunition per man will be issued on Parade. Pouches to be inspected on falling in.

(3) Attendance on this parade to count 3 Points towards the Commanding Officer's Prizes.

(4) Special carriages will be attached to the train leaving Victoria Terminus at 3-30. p. m. (Bombay time). Railway fares will be paid for those joining this train at Victoria Terminus, Musjid, Mazagon, Byculla, Parel, and Dadur stations. Members travelling from other stations by the B. B. and C. I. Railway will pay their own fares which will be refunded.

(5) The Battalion will return by the train leaving Coorla at 6-30 p.m. (Bombay time).

By Order,
P. H. ROGERS, Capt.,
Adjutant, B. V. R.

THERMOMETER READINGS.

MONDAY NIGHT.—JANUARY 1.

10 p.m. .... 74·5

TUESDAY.—JANUARY 2.

6 a.m. .... 69·1
10 a.m. .... 75·5
2 p.m. .... 81·9
4 p.m. .... 81·3

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By permission, His Excellency the Governor's Band will perform; and the following Ladies and Gentlemen have kindly promised to help:—

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Verbal opinion as to Soundness	5

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

TUESDAY EVENING, JAN. 2.

The markets at home and in Bombay have been closed on account of the New Year Holidays. According to the last telegram from London Consols had hardened to 99 5-16, showing a rise of 5-16 in 2 days. French Rentes remained unchanged at 99, but Government of India 3 1-2 per cent. Sterling Loan gained 1-2 per cent. on Friday and a further 1-2 per cent. on Saturday, and now stand at 109 1-2; Rupee Securities gained 7-16 in the interval.

Bar Silver in London gained 1-16 and is now quoted at 27 3-16 per oz.; £13,100,000 have been paid into the Bank of England. The receipts of Cotton last Sunday were 10,130 bales. The following shows the receipts of the various growths of Cotton to 31st December, 1899, as compared with the previous season:—

	1899. Bales.	1898. Bales.
Khandeish	391,676	378,699
Barsee and Nuguс	130,595	93,046
Berar	505,877	544,356
Total Oomras	1,028,148	1,016,101
Hinganghat	11,62[illegible]	11,613
Dhollera	311,604	319,317
Broach	142,947	136,478
Compta &Dharwar	151,663	88,220
Westerns	16,749	29,294
Bengals	372,091	250,972
Sind	15,916	16,050
Persian	1,709	804
American	6,005	6,691
Egyptian	7,060	4,8[illegible]9
Other Sorts	1,213	417
Total	2,069,734	1,900,766

Locally the cotton market is firm, but little business is reported.

The receipts of produce for the year ending 31st December 1898-1899 were as follows:—

	1899.	1898.
Wheat	5,121,367	8,176,064
Linseed	2,082,581	2,629,554
Rapeseed	1,956,277	2,141,380
Gingelly Seed	20,19,866	2,264,770
Poppy Seed	5,92,284	533,649
Groundnuts	146,712	80,737
Castor Seed	890,176	1,017,329
Rice	8,108,065	3,660,347

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

PLYMOUTH, JAN. 1.

The P. and O. Company's steamer Britannia arrived here yesterday morning.

SUEZ, JAN. 1.

The P. and O. Company's steamer India arrived here from Colombo this morning.

The B. I. S. N. Company's steamer Goorkha left here yesterday afternoon.

NAPLES, JAN. 1.

The B. I. S. N. Company's steamer left here this evening.

The German East Africa Line steamer Setos left Zanzibar, for Bombay, on the 1st instant, via Mombassa.

The Austrian Lloyds' s. s. Vindobona, from Japan, left Colombo for Bombay on the afternoon of the 1st inst.

The Messageries Maritimes Co.'s s.s. Annam, which left Bombay on Tuesday the 19th December 1899, arrived at Marseilles on Monday, the 1st January, 1900, at 7 a. m.

TELEGRAPHIC LINE REPORT.

JANUARY 2.

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Via Teheran, perfect. Via Turkey, perfect. Via Suez, perfect.

CONTINENT OF EUROPE.—Via Teheran, perfect. Via Turkey, perfect. Via Suez, perfect.

AMERICA.—Via Brest, perfect. Via Valentia, perfect. Via Direct Cable, perfect.

AUSTRALIA.—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect.

CHINA.—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect. Via Bhamo, perfect.

AFRICA.—Via Aden, Interrupted South of Mozambique. Via Cadis Teneriffe, perfect. Via Lisbon St. Vincent, perfect.

Restrictions:—

Telegrams for Panaj Negros (Visayas Islands) are subject to same restrictions as Philippine Islands, but are subject to censure of United States Government.

Censure imposed at Manila (Philippines) on all telegrams containing political news.

Post Master General, London, announces that British Government have decided to suspend at Aden and at the Cape of Good Hope the transmission of all telegrams in Code or Cipher whether of foreign governments or private persons to and from Zanzibar, Seychelles, Mauritius, Madagascar and every place in German East Africa, Mozambique, Delagoa Bay, Rhodesia, British Central Africa, Orange Free State, Transvaal, Cape Colony and Natal, Telegrams in plain language are subject to censorship and can only be accepted, at the risk of the sender.

Censorship has been established at Panja and Buenaventura in United States of Columbia.

Telegrams for Bagota, Cucuta, Cartagena, Baranquilla, and Bucaramanga in Columbia (South America) cannot be accepted those for other offices can only be accepted at senders' risk.

Restrictions on private telegraphic correspondence to and from Azores removed, but still apply to telegrams to Madeira.

State of communication:—

Cable Jamaica Colon interrupted.

Cable Cayenne Pinheiros interrupted.

Cable Zanzibar Mombassa interrupted.

Communication between Mozambique and Lorenco Marques interrupted.

Communication between Natal on one side and Orange Free State and Transvaal on the other entirely suspended.

Communication between Cape Colony on one side and Orange Free State and Transvaal on the other entirely suspended.

Communication with Mafeking (Bechuanaland) and beyond interrupted.

This cuts off telegraph communication with British Bechuanaland, Southern Rhodesia, Nyassaland and Portuguese Zambesia.

There is no land line communication from Mozambique to Beira.

There is a land line between Beira and Quilimane.

Public are warned that Deferred traffic for Burma is liable to great delay at present.

Telegrams for places on East Cost Africa which are directed via Loanda and Capetown on account of interruption are accepted at same rates as via Bombay, Aden, during the present war.

FOREIGN TELEGRAPHIC SERVICE.

Latest dates of Foreign Messages received at Bombay from the United Kingdom during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m., of the 2nd January, 1900.

(Difference in Longitude allowed for.)

Via.	Latest Dates.			Time occupied in transmission.	
	D.	H.	M.	Hours.	Minutes.
Turkey	1	9	5 a.m.	24	...
Teheran	2	1	12 p.m.	...	44
Suez	2	2	50 p.m.	...	7

Time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay during the 24 hours ending 8 p.m., of the 2nd January, 1900.

—	Maximum Time.		Minimum Time.	
	H.	M.	H.	M.
From Calcutta	...	400	...	6
,, Karachi	...	25	...	2
,, Madras	...	60	...	1

RAILWAY RETURNS.

PALANPUR-DEESA RAILWAY.

Approximate return of traffic for week ended 16th December 1899, on 17·28 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated.)	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total traffic for the week	400	800	..	1,200
Or per mile of Railway	23	46	..	69
For previous 23 weeks of half-year.	9,171	7,321	53	16,548
Total for 24 weeks	9,571	8,121	53	17,748
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	285	4,649	2	4,936
Per mile of Ry. do.	17	269	—	286
Total to corresponding date do.	8,078	9,123	60	17,261

Decrease for the week .... Rs. 3,736
Increase to date .... ,, 487

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY.

Approximate return of traffic for week ended 16th December, 1899, on 461 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated.)	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total Traffic for the week	99,000	2,41,000	4,000	3,44,000
Or per mile of Railway	215	523	8	746
For previous 23 weeks of half-year	20,55,374	48,77,973	59,672	69,93,0 9
Total for 24 weeks	21,54,374	51,18,973	63,672	73,37,019
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	79,256	2,00,566	5,236	2,85,058
Per mile of Ry. do.	172	435	11	618
Total to corresponding date do.	17,90,723	38,16,114	89,607	56,96,444

Increase for the week .... Rs. 58,942
Ditto to date .... ,, 16,40,575

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DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

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OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

ARMSTRONG—December 27, at Morar, the wife of T W Armstrong, Irrigation Engineer, Gwalior State, of a son.

BOSE—December 22, at Patiala, the wife of E Bose, Punjab Irrigation, of a son.

CAREY—December 20, at Bareilly, the wife of G Sausmarez Carey, Esq., M A, Principal of Bareilly College, of a daughter.

FALCON—December 22, at Peshawar, the wife of Captain R W Falcon, 4th Sikhs, of a daughter.

LANCASTER—December 24, at Gya, the wife of Arthur Lancaster, of a son.

SARGON—December 25, at Betul, C P, the wife of Mr M Sargon, Inspector of Police, of a son.

SMITH—December 28, at Fort, Allahabad, the wife of Conductor W H Smith, Overseer, Ordnance Department, of a daughter.

DEATH.

FALCON—December 23, at Peshawar, the wife of Captain R W Falcon, 4th Sikhs.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

⁂ ALL communications intended for publication in our columns should be addressed to the Editor and not to any individual member of the staff.

The Bombay Gazette

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1900.

THE German Government having decided to double the Navy of the Empire, the French Government has lost no time in introducing Bills appropriating sixteen millions sterling for the increase of the Fleet, and £4,800,000 for the defence of the French Coast and the Colonies. Though this heavy expenditure, trifling when compared with the eighty-five millions sterling demanded for the doubling of the German fleet, has followed close on the latter proposal, it cannot be in any way regarded as a demonstration against Germany. Count von Buelow, in explaining the reasons which have led Germany to increase her fleet, took occasion to say, that his Government had found it very easy to come to an arrangement with France in regard to Colonial matters, and that Russia had met them half-way, while the United States were friendly. Then he added, that Germany was prepared to live with England on the basis of reciprocity and mutual regard. He went on to say that nobody could foresee the consequences of the South African War, and quoted Lord Salisbury's statement that "strong Powers are becoming stronger and stronger; weak Powers weaker and weaker." "All that has occurred since the British Premier spoke thus," said Count von Buelow, "proves the truth of that sentence, I should not like to believe that we are standing face to face with a new partition like that of a hundred years ago. But, at all events, we are not inclined to suffer a Foreign Power to trample on our toes. We are not willing to be brushed aside politically or economically. We claim a Greater Germany, not by means of conquest but by extending our trade." He was struck by the fact that new events in these times arose suddenly in a day. The Hispano-American war taught very striking lessons. Amongst others the vital necessity of naval bases to ensure coal supplies. He asked, "why are other nations strengthening their fleets? Assuredly not for the pleasure of spending money. Italy, with financial difficulties, makes great sacrifices for her fleet. In France the Government can scarcely do enough to satisfy the national representatives where expenditure for naval purposes is concerned. Russia has doubled the rate at which she was strengthening her fleet. America and Japan are making great exertions in this respect, and England is incessantly occupied in increasing her navy, already the largest in the world. Without a considerable raising of the requisite strength of our navy, we cannot hold our place in the world beside France or Great Britain, beside Russia and America." In the sixteenth century, said the Imperial Minister, the New World was divided between Spain and Portugal. In the 17th century, Holland and England joined them, while Germans were breaking each others' heads. In the 18th century, the Dutch and the French lost most of their possessions to England, and in the 19th, England's Colonial Empire has become the largest since the time of the Romans, Germany's policy is peaceful and independent. When, how, or where she may be forced to depart from her reserve, depends upon the whole course of events—a pretty plain hint that when the German fleet is doubled, German reserve will give place to a transoceanic policy which will enable the Fatherland to keep the peace with England on the basis of complete reciprocity. France, apparently, does not look so far ahead. She is chiefly concerned to provide for her present security. The Fashoda incident and the rough reminder of a British Minister that if she does not mend her manners, something even more humiliating may happen, has compelled her to take stock of the colonial and commercial interests which she may be called upon to defend at a day's notice. Her fleet holds the second place, after that of Great Britain. But the enormous augmentation of the British fleet of late years, has left the French nowhere, the patriotic aim of the Admiralty being to have a fleet capable of crushing any possible combination.

In spite of her growing financial embarrassment, France deems it necessary to expend over twenty millions in strengthening her fleet, and putting her Colonies and her own coasts in a state of defence. M. Lockroy, who has been twice Minister of Marine, and who has written a book on the French Navy, has been consulted by an interviewer as to whether France is in a position to hold her own against England in a naval war. He replied that the English are more than twice as strong at sea, having nearly 600 war-vessels of all kinds and three or four hundred merchant steamers ready to be armed for war. Great Britain, in his view, could single-handed face France and the Triple Alliance. Not only are the British warships formidable in number and efficiency but the organisation is superior to that of all the other navies of the world. French officers and sailors are equal in intelligence and in training to the British, but no heroism can avail against numbers and organisation. In every sea the French fleet finds itself confronted by a British naval force double or treble its strength and commanded by young officers. Close at hand, they have naval stations where they can take in coal and ammunition. In the Mediterranean Great Britain possesses Gibraltar on the one side and Malta on the other. The French have only Toulon, for they have not fortified Biserta, and there is no fortified port in Corsica. Biserta has only twenty-four guns, and might be blocked by the sinking of two old ships. He urges that all this should be taken seriouly to heart, and that France should acquire naval stations in every sea. Prince Henry d'Orleans, while admitting that M. Lockroy is more competent than himself in naval matters, objects to his presentation of the facts as exaggerated. Until recently the French Admiralty had only to think of the navies of the Triple Alliance, now she will have to take into account a neighbour who is sometimes very disagreeable. He holds, however, that the British naval strength is not really so great as it is supposed to be, for, though she is multiplying her ships, it is doubtful whether she has the officers and men to man them all. Both France and Germany take note of the fact that Great Britain has no *Conscription Maritime* which could, at a moment's notice, provide trained seamen in practically unlimited numbers. It is clear that France, Germany and Russia have taken very seriously to heart the immense development of the British fleet and the position of relative inferiority in which it has placed their navies. They are making great sacrifices to diminish this inequality. The "Standard" fully acknowledges that the increased armaments of Germany are directed against Great Britain, and that the "cool, dry, business tone" of the Imperial Foreign Minister, when proposing to double the German fleet, was occasioned by his natural resentment at Mr. Chamberlain's suggestion of a triple alliance between Germany, Great Britain and the United States. Russia, the year before last, allocated twenty-seven millions sterling to bring her powerful fleet up to date.

Thus three Continental nations consider that their interests and safety require them to set aside one hundred and thirty-three millions to strengthen their maritime position, so as to prevent, in Count von Buelow's words, any one nation from trampling on their toes. The augmentation of the British fleet during the last four years, has, in that time, increased the cost of shipbuilding enormously to sixty per cent. in materials and twenty per cent. in wages. A few weeks ago, when the Particular Service Squadron was being commissioned, the Admiralty invited tenders for half a million tons of steam coal. As the consumption of coal in all the arsenals since the war in South Africa began has increased, the price of coal of all descriptions has risen, on an average, six shillings per ton. Undoubtedly war and war scares while augmenting the expenditure of the great steamship companies, like that of the Peninsular and Oriental, also increases their income. Sir Thomas Sutherland, at the recent annual meeting of that Company, was able to tell his shareholders that the revenue for the past year was £3,029,000, the largest income it had ever earned. While the increment on gross revenue amounted £142,000, the expenditure on coal rose to £752,000, being £116,000 more than the previous year. This increase will be greatly exceeded during the present year when it will probably be £200,000. Eight of the Company's ships were employed in transporting 11,000 officers and men to the seat of war in South Africa. As battle-ships are being increased not only in number, but in size—a British armour-clad of sixteen thousand tons is now nearly completed, with three more to follow—the numbers and tonnage of ocean-going steamer is also being augmented. It is satisfactory to know that when the Persia is added to the P. and O. fleet in the course of this year, the Bombay service will be carried on almost exclusively by ships of 8,000 tons. The importance of having an unlimited number of mercantile steamers of high speed and great carrying capacity becomes evident when war breaks out in some distant region. While the smaller transports took from 22 to 23 days to carry troops from English ports to South Africa, the Majestic transfers two regiments from Great Britain to the seat of war in twelve days. Great Britain has as great an advantage over the Continental Powers in the mercantile marine as she has in the number and armament of her line of battle-ships and cruisers.

THE Viceroy during his recent tour in Northern India referred to the existence of dacoity, and said this form of crime should be suppressed without mercy. At the present time dacoities are numerous, but the increase is mainly due to looting of grain in famine stricken districts, and where starvation rather than love of crime is the impelling motive. There is no doubt that the professional dacoit is being gradually exterminated, and an account of the persistent hunting down of formidable gangs in Native States is given in the report of the Thagi and Dakaiti Department which has been recently issued. The work has been carried on in conjunction with the Durbars, and many districts which were a few years back terrorised by the boldness and cruelties practised by these men are now almost free of such unpleasant neighbours. The efforts of Mr. H. C. Clogstoun and Mr. A. C. Hankin and other officers, and their staffs, have been singularly successful in breaking up dacoit gangs and in arresting individual dacoits, and the statement that in neither of the Agencies of Rajputana, Central India, and Hyderabad have the operations caused friction with the Durbars shows that in performing duties great tact has been employed. Mr. C. B. Bayley, Superintendent, in his previous report, referred to the classification as dacoities of petty thefts committed by persons in want of food. The total number of dacoities has fallen from 1,152 to 599, and the decrease is common to each Agency. It is thought the improvement in the reporting of cases is in a measure responsible for this, and that dacoity has diminished to a marked extent. The decrease is also affected by the absence of scarcity, and it is remarkable that the value of the prosperity plundered shows a considerable increase when compared with the number of cases recorded. One case in Rajputana occurred in which two men were murdered and property, worth Rs. 30,000, stolen, but there is a doubt as to whether any property was removed. The dacoits killed 41 persons and wounded 287 others, and in only too many instances they resorted to torture of men and women, where they believed that valuable property was concealed. In Rajputana the chief item of interest were the operations against the notorious leaders Ghiaram and Jan Singh, both Rajputs, who established a gang in 1898, committing a series of daring dacoities in the Agra district. The movements of the band were of the will-o-the-wisp character, but they were so closely pursued that they were compelled to abandon their ravine fastnesses and split up to avoid capture. Ghiaram possessed great powers for enlisting new followers, and during the year 45 men are known to have joined his standard. Many of them are still at large but Ghiaram is amongst those captured. The Gwalior Durbar has been actively engaged, their chief work being the dispersal of the Karakhera gang. It originally consisted of 64 members, of whom only four are now at large. The breaking up of the Multanis gang in Hyderabad was a hazarduous task. For years the depredations of these men, twenty-five in number, their daring and bravery had caused much alarm, and the story of their capture by Deputy Inspector Motiram and nine men is one which speaks of determination, skill and pluck. Hearing of their presence, the Inspector during the night deftly posted his men around their encampment, and before daybreak attacked and captured 20 out of the number without any bloodshed. No one will begrudge the gallant fellow the sword of honour granted to him by the Government of India, nor the reward of Rs. 1,200 which his men share among themselves.

THE want of rain in the Bombay and Madras Presidencies, in the Central Provinces, Central India, and the Punjab is becoming a very serious matter, as not only have last season's crops failed but the cultivators are unable to sow their fields in the hope of spring crops. The continued absence of rain must be the means of throwing hundreds of thousands of acres out of cultivation, and in consequence there will be a shortened supply of produce at the next harvest. Where the land is capable of being irrigated the sowings are complete and the crops look well, but in those areas where agriculturists depend entirely upon the rainfall the ground is unfit for the reception of seed. The distress is becoming more widespread and intensified, and in addition to the scarcity of food there is much shortness of water, the supply of which must decrease if the absence of rain continues. It is gratifying to note that in Bengal and North-Western Provinces the prospect of the spring crops are generally good, while cattle are in normal condition. A similar state of things prevails in Burma, and in Assam there is little or no cause for complaint. There were 330,466 persons on relief in the Bombay Presidency for the week ending Christmas day. Not a drop of rain is recorded, but the sowing of crops is in progress in Ratnagiri and Baroda and in irrigated lands in Ahmedabad. Cattle are dying in hundreds in the northern part of the Presidency, and in other parts they are overworked and very emaciated. The prospects in the Punjab in the areas without irrigation is blank, and rain is needed all over the province. Well-water is running short, and even in the streams the flow is decreasing. The total on relief is 110, 604, and in the Central Provinces 1,026,232 persons are in receipt of relief, an increase of nearly 150,000 during the week. The water-supply is diminishing almost throughout the province. The condition of the land has thrown thousands out of employment and general distress continues to spread. There are 103 public works department relief camps, and the extension of relief measures continues. Although the distress is not general in Central India the standing crops and pasturage are of a meagre description, and prices are rising. In Rajputana cattle are dying, and many are killed to provide food.

THE P. and O. Co.'s s. s. Shannon, with the outward mails of the 22nd ultimo, left Aden, at 1 p.m., on Monday, and is expected to arrive in Bombay at 3 p.m., on Saturday next.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL SIR ROBERT LOW, G. C. B., Commanding the Forces at Bombay, accompanied by Lady and Miss Low, Captain Low, Acting Assistant Military Secretary and Mrs. Low, arrived in Bombay last evening from Poona by the ordinary passenger train and alighted at the Victoria Terminus. The arrival was private. On alighting at the station Sir Robert Low was met by Brigadier General F. Ventris, Commanding the Bombay District, Captain A. E. Aitkin, Deputy Assistant Adjutant General, and Captain Davis, Aide-de-Camp to the Lieutenant General Commanding. The General and Lady Low then drove to the Cooperage, where they are at present staying. A salute of fifteen guns will be fired at sunrise to-day to announce the arrival of the Lieutenant General Commanding.

ACCORDING to a London telegram consols opened at 99 3-8 yesterday morning while the Government rupee paper was quoted at 63-3-4.

DR. H. W. BOYD, who arrived by the Egypt on Friday last, has taken over charge of his duties as physician at St. George's Hospital.

THE Maharaja of Patiala offers one hundred horses and the Rajas of Kapurthala and Farid Kot fifty each, for employment in the Transvaal war. The Rajas of Nabha and Jhind and the Nawab of Bahawalpur have placed all their horses at Government's disposal. Patiala is sending out a specially selected Arab horse for Lord Roberts's acceptance.

MRS. CUPPAGE regrets that owing to the serious illness she is unable to return the visit of the ladies who have called on her.

IT is notified for information that about 350 non-Commissioned Officers and men of the 1st Norfolk Regiment will proceed to Santa Cruz—an advance party of 50 men on the 4th and the remainder on the 5th instant and remain encamped there for about a month.

AMONGST the passengers who arrived recently at Orange River was a Reservist belonging to the Seaforth Highlanders, who was absent when called up. He had been in France, and only arrived in England 24 hours after the troopship which took out his regiment started. He therefore proceeded to Southampton, paid his passage to Cape Town, and went on to the front at his own expense.

HARRY COOPER, said to be the tallest man in the world, has just died. He was born at Cleveland, in Yorkshire, and was 8 feet 8 inches in heigth. He was at one time a member of Barnum's troupe, and died in British Columbia.

THERE is in Vellore, in the Madras Presidency, a famous mosque which has been used now for many years as a store-house connected with a public office. A movement has for some months past been on foot among the Muhammadans of the South to secure a discontinuance of the use of the building for secular purposes, and a question was put at the last meeting of the Madras Legislative Council bearing on this matter. The Muhammadan gentleman, who certainly voiced in the Council a very large number of his co-religionists, quoted, in support of his contention from a despatch of the late Court of Directors. These orders were that the credit of the British administration was connected with the preservation of memorials of the former splendour of the Indian Empire, and that it was essential to the character of our Government that the religious prejudices and rights of the natives, whether of the Muhammadan or Hindu persuasion should, on all occasions, be respected and maintained. It is certainly difficult to reconcile with these sentiments the conversion to secular uses of ancient buildings dedicated to religious purposes. The reply given by the Hon'ble Mr. Stokes, on behalf of Government, was that the building had been used for secular purposes for some seventy or eighty years, and "the Government sees no reason for re-considering a decision arrived at so long ago and since maintained." This reply in itself, unqualified by any reasons of policy or special necessity, is scarcely in keeping with the spirit of the observations made by Lord Curzon in Muttra and Agra, as to the duty of the British Raj with respect to the conservation of ancient buildings.

A VOTE of 50,000 dol. in aid of the South Africa fund, has been passed by the Shaita Legislative Council.

LI HUNG-CHANG has been appointed Viceroy of Canton.

A CANTON vernacular paper states that the people of Lint'ang in the district of Panyu, Canton suburbs, are in a state of excitement owing to a pink-coloured shower of rain the other day which their imagination made into blood. Wiseacres prophesy rebellion and carnage next year.

THE French Government is said to be considering the abolition of the guillotine in favour of electrocution by means of a helmet in which two needles pierce the temples when the current is put on, and so rupture the brain. It is expected to be painless.

POTATO cultivation in the Southern Shan States, introduced some time ago through the efforts of the local Agricultural Department, continues to flourish. In his report for last year the Political Officer states that it is no longer possible to form any precise estimate of the outturn, so general and extensive has the industry become.

ON December 3rd a large fire broke out on the Maloo Chinkiang in which some 70 houses were destroyed. They were built of most inflammable material and made an immense blaze. Huge stacks of straw and hundreds of reeds and thatch houses were situated only a little way off, and blazing sparks fell amongst them continually, but a large staff of men put them out as they fell, so the fire did not spread as it might otherwise have done. The hill sides were lit up as clearly as the day with the lurid flames and revealed the sight of thousands of spectators filling the open spaces. The China Inland Mission came in for a narrow escape but no damage was done to their property. This was all the more fortunate because of the sick who were there and the removal of whom in the cold night air would have probably involved death or serious complications.

PARTRIDGES are fair in number, pheasants have done well, and there are signs of hares increasing. If there be a feature that is noticeable it is the conspicuous absence of the woodcock; but this, unfortunately, is not a feature peculiar to this season only. It has been more and in evidence for some years, and it is the more curious because the woodcock nests in Great Britain far more generally than it used to do. But it seems that, having nested, it goes, or at least that the numbers that breed with us are not reinforced by nearly as many foreign visitors as used to be the case. It is always a quaint and capricious bird in its habits, and may be next year it will be back in numbers as great as ever.

OWING to sickness among the horses, there will be no artillery practice camp at Barkacha. Officers detailed to attend for instruction and umpires and signalling officers at the combined camp will not now be required.

As the result of meeting at Government House, Ottawa, on Dec. 7, the Red Cross movement in Canada has received a great impetus, Lord Minto made an excellent speech, in which he urged the claims of the society upon public support. He spoke appreciatively of the assistance the society had rendered the Dominion, through the influence of the Princess Louise, during the rebellion of 1885. His Excellency also suggested the formation of a National Society to provide for the families of any Canadians killed or wounded in South Africa. A strong committee was formed to collect subscriptions for the Red Cross Society.

IT has been decided that explosives may be carried by mixed trains on any line on which goods trains are not running subject to the conditions that they are loaded in properly constructed powder vans, that not more than one powder van containing explosives is forwarded at any one time by a mixed train, that there are not less than three vehicles between the powder van and either the engine or the passenger coaches, that the powder van is close coupled to the adjoining vehicles, and that directly a powder van containing explosives arrives at a section on which goods trains are running, it is detached from the mixed train.

A GREAT fire took place last month at the village of Bhatane in Panwell taluka. About 60 houses belonging to the cultivators and others were destroyed.

MR. ARDESEER, the Mail Contractor of Dhulia, while travelling from Chalisgaon to Talavda with his uncle, was assaulted by some Bhils with drawn swords on the 20th ultimo. Mr. Ardeseer alighted from his carriage and fired a pistol at the assailants and put them to flight. It was then found that the Bhils had looted a bullock-cart and robbed the passengers.

ONE of the items that contribute to the remarkable financial prosperity of Ceylon is the telegraph. According to the annual report of the Island, recently issued, receipts from telegrams show a phenomenal increase due almost entirely to the success of the experimental 25 cent (*i.e.*, four annas) telegram, which is described as the cheapest in the world.

THE following social item about the family of Lady Curzon is from a New York paper which has just reached India:—"The Leiter mansion, Washington, will be closed, greatly to the regret of everybody, for Mr. Leiter will spend the winter in Chicago, and Mrs. Leiter, who is in poor health, will go to Egypt, where she will meet her daughters, who have been visiting Lady Curzon in India."

THE Report on the Indian Section of the Imperial Institute shows that satisfactory work was done during the year 1896-97. Now that the mercantile classes know that the Indian Section is directly under the control of the India Office, their confidence in the Section has improved, and less hesitation is shown in applying for information and advice upon commercial and industrial matters affecting India. The Report by Professor Dunstan on the work done for India in the Scientific Department of the Institute testifies to the special value of that Department to this country. Chemical investigations in connection with jute and other fibres, tans, gums, tobacco, food grains and oils, and the greatest possible use is being made of the Scientific Department for undertaking examinations of almost every variety of Indian economic produce.

GENERAL LUCK "considers it necessary to remind all medical officers serving in the Bengal Command that, as they have now been given military rank and command, he expects them to be fully conversant with the ordinary methods customary in the service." This admonition is conveyed in a somewhat breathless Command Order, which tells of the escape from custody and suicide of an insane British soldier. In this case, as far as can be gathered from the order, a non-commissioned officer was continuously on duty for 144 hours, and was then most improperly placed under arrest for negligence, so that the escape and suicide of the soldier are attributed to want of due care on the part of the medical authorities in issuing orders and to ignorance of the proper orders to be issued. General Officers Commanding Districts are now instructed to issue such orders as will ensure that "all medical officers and subordinates know and practise these duties with the same regularity as is required from the combatant ranks." One would imagine that the idea of keeping a non-commissioned officer continuously on duty for 144 hours to guard a lunatic would not occur to anybody, whether a combatant or no, unless he was in a fit condition to take his place beside the patient.

THE north-east monsoons have nearly wiped Bentong out of existence, writes a correspondent to the *Malay Mail*. All Towkay Lok Yew's mines were flooded out last week; the vegetable gardens and squatter's houses, together with all the pigs on the banks of the Bentong river, were clean swept away, while the coolies of some of the mines had to take shelter on higher grounds, as their kongsi houses were immersed up to the eaves. No lives, however, were lost, nor was any damage done to the new town. The bridges on the road to the mines were washed away, and communication is only kept up by boats which ferry passengers and goods across the rivers, of which there are several.

SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

ENEMY REPULSED NEAR BELMONT.

CAPTURE OF BOER LAAGER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, JAN. 2, 3.53 P.M.

The Boers, who have been threatening General Methuen's communications, made an attempt to destroy the railway at Sunnyside, near Belmont, on Monday. The British force, which includes a portion of the Colonial troops, under an officer, named Pilcher, attacked the enemy, who were completely defeated.

The Boer commando lost considerably in killed and wounded, and their laager was captured, while 40 men were taken prisoners. Our loss was three Australians killed and few wounded.

SUCCESS OF THE CAVALRY DIVISION.

OCCUPATION OF COLESBURG BY THE BRITISH.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT).

LONDON, JAN. 1, 5-40 P.M.

General French attacked the Boer position to-day at Colesburg. After a night march he surprised the Boers, who were defeated and fled eastward.

PARTICULARS OF THE FIGHTING.

6-15, P. M.

Later particulars concerning General French's operations come from Rensburg, dated Monday afternoon: General French continued to keep the enemy on the move and pressed their rear closely, both on Saturday and Sunday. Last night all the cavalry with artillery and infantry, the latter being in waggons, started their night march and at day-break arrived within striking distance of the Boer forces.

The Infantry with the field batteries made a feint attack on the front, while the cavalry with horse artillery got round the enemy's right flank. The plan of campaign worked without hitch. The Boers, who were utterly surprised, finding their retreat threatened, fled in a disorderly manner eastward, leaving Colesburg in our hands.

CASUALTIES AT COLESBURG.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, JAN. 2, 11-35 A.M.

In the fighting at Colesburg, which the British force occupied on Tuesday morning, we lost three killed and eight wounded. No officers were hit.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

GENERAL FRENCH'S ACTION.

LONDON, JAN. 2.

General French with Infantry in waggons, five Squadrons of Cavalry and ten guns attacked Boers at daybreak on 1st inst., and shelled laager from a Kopje overlooking Colesburg, silencing their guns, which include a British fifteen pounder.

General French then took the position cutting off retreat of Boers by road bridge.

Enemy number from 5,000 to 7,000 and occupy strong laager near junction.

British loss is three killed and seven wounded.

ANOTHER SUCCESS.

An official despatch says Colonel Pilcher completely defeated on 1st inst. a Boer commando at sunnyside near Belmont, taking laager and forty prisoners besides killed and wounded.

The British loss was Lieut. Adie, Queensland Mounted Infantry, severely wounded, and three men killed.

THE RELIEF OF LADYSMITH.

A STUPENDOUS TASK.

LONDON, JAN. 2.

Press correspondents, telegraphing from the British Camp at Chievely, are unanimous in their opinion that the task confronting Sir Redvers Buller for the relief of the beleagured forces at Ladysmith, is of a stupendous character.

The river Tugela is in full flood and the Boers' position is described by the correspondents to be a perfect fortress.

BRILLIANT SUCCESS OF GENERAL FRENCH.

LONDON, JAN. 1.

This evening papers publish news that General French routed the Boers and occupied Colesburg this morning after a night march. His cavalry and light artillery outflanked the enemy while his infantry and field artillery made a feint of a frontal attack.

The Boers were completely surprised and fled in disorder eastward.

THE BRITISH VICTORY AT COLESBURG.

NOTHING OFFICIAL.

LONDON, JAN. 2, 5-5 A.M.

Nothing official has yet been published regarding General French's victory and the British occupation of Colesburg, but two papers confirm the news.

The "Daily Mail's" despatch from Colesburg states that after two hours' artillery duel, the Boers retired northward, abandoning their Hotchkiss and several waggons of stores.

Our losses were slight.

BOER ATTACK ON DORDRECHT REPULSED.

It is reported that 2,000 Boers have attacked Dordrecht and been repulsed.

REBELS ATTACKING DORDRECHT.

A Capetown telegram to the "Times" states that the rebels attacked Dordrecht in considerable force but were repulsed.

The enemy lost eight men and our loss was four wounded.

The affair mentioned in this telegram apparently refers to the skirmish which took place between the enemy and the Lancers under the command of Captain de Montmorency on the 30th ultimo.

SERIOUS UGLY RUMOURS AT CAPETOWN.

DISAFFECTION OF DUTCHMEN.

Both the "Standard" and the "Daily News" publish telegrams from their correspondents at Capetown, stating that ugly rumours are current that there are signs of disaffection among the British subjects in the district of Victoria West, to the south of our base at DeAar, and in the district of Clanwilliam, directly to the west of the Colony.

THE SEVENTH DIVISION.

The Seventh Division embarks by the 11th instant.

SAILING OF TRANSPORTS.

Three transports will sail from England for South Africa on Thursday.

THE ENGAGEMENT AT COLESBURG.

FURTHER PARTICULARS.

ALLAHABAD, JAN. 2.

The London correspondent of the "Pioneer" wires, London, January 2:—

The following messages appear in the "Times"—Sterkstroom, 31st December:—Lieutenant Milford was cut off owing to an incorrect report to Captain de Montmorency, who was led to believe that all were observing the order to retire. The error was discovered too late, the same evening. In the morning a very pretty fight occurred. Captain Goldsworthy succeeded in reaching the eastern end of the plateau under the Boer position, while Captain de Montmorency and his scouts mounted the southern cliffs. The Boers were now pressing Lieutenant Milford heavily, whose ammunition was failing, but on the reinforcements appearing the Boers fled and contended themselves with long-range firing from the hills.

The party being rescued and our front cleared our guns opened on the enemy, who replied ineffectually, though shells burst on percussion and not falling dead. Our slight loss was due to the enemy's poor courage and bad shooting. The Boers vainly tried the white flag with Milford, following it with the usual volley. We killed two, including the bearer of the flag. The engagements yesterday and to-day are most creditable to our forces, and a distinct reverse to the Boers.

Modder River, 1st January:—Exchange of shells takes place daily at day-break. The Boers regard New Year with greater solemnity than Christmas, but two or three shells came from the Boer trenches to-day. All is quiet and confident in camp. We are busy rebuilding the bridge.

BOER MOVEMENTS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JAN. 2.

A correspondent from General Buller's Camp writes that he anticipates an early movement of the Boers, who are said to be about to strike their present camp and move westwards owing to want of confidence in their present position.

THE NATIVE STATES AND THE WAR.

Loyal offers of assistance in connection with the Transvaal war has been accepted. To the extent of 410 horses in the case of the Mysore, Hyderabad, and Jodhpore States are to be contributed by the imperial service troops, and also to the extent of 300 Artillery horses from the Gwalior State. Two British officers will accompany each unit of 250 horses to South Africa. In all therefore some sixteen officers will be sent. They are being selected for the most part from the Native Cavalry.

THE QUEEN'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO THE SOLDIERS AT THE CAPE.

An "Indian Daily News" cablegram, dated London, 1st January, states:—The Queen has cabled the following to the Generals Commanding the various divisions at the Cape:—"I wish you and all my brave soldiers a happy Christmas. May God protect and bless you all."

INDIAN OFFICERS AND TROOPS FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

Amongst the officers reported to be going from India to South Africa are Lieutenant Taylor, of the Imperial Service Troops, Captains Maxwell, Wigram and others. They will be attached to the British Cavalry Regiments as vacancies occur.

POONA, JAN. 2.

An order has been received in India from the War Office requesting that one subaltern be detached for service in South Africa from every battery in India; and orders have accordingly been sent to the commanding officers to nominate a subaltern for South Africa to fill up the vacancies caused by the casualties in the battery already there. In addition to the number of mounted infantry which are to be sent for scouting duty some 35 men from each of the two regiments in Poona are, it is currently reported, to be sent. They will draw their horses from the 1st Bombay Lancers and the 4th Bombay Cavalry, Poona Horse.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

THE MAILS.

ADEN, JAN. 1.

The P. & O. Company's s. s. Shannon, with the English Mails of the 22nd ult., left here for Bombay at 1 p. m., to-day, and the s. s. Himalaya left for Colombo and Australia at 11 a.m., to-day.

THE AGRICULTURAL PROSPECTS.

A GLOOMY OUTLOOK.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JAN. 2.

The official reports to-day issued on the prospects of wheat and winter oilseed crops, state that the area sown is everywhere much below the average, and while on irrigated land crops are looking well, elsewhere everything depends on the arrival of the winter rains, of which as yet there is no sign. In the case of oilseeds in the Central Provinces, the Berars, the Nizam's territory and Bombay, the report adds that sowings have been impossible over very extensive tracts, while in the very limited areas in which they have been made, the crop is largely a failure.

A memorandum on the current cotton crop places the outturn for the whole India at only 6,41,327 bales against 1,365,864 bales in 1898.

MILITARY APPOINTMENTS.

Lieutenant-Colonel Orpen, R.E., is permitted to retire.

Captain Mathews from Mandalay officiates as D.A.A.G., Secunderabad, and Lieutenant Palin becomes Quarter-master, 30th Bombay Infantry.

Captains Humfrey, 1st Lancers, H. C. Ainslie, 3rd M.I., and Harding, 19th M.I., and Lieutenants Mears, 8th B.C., Hay, 5th B.C., and Palmer, 5th Infantry, H. C., are posted on famine duty, Central Provinces.

FENIAN ACTIVITY IN THE UNITED STATES.

The Fenians have recommenced their activity in the United States, and a ridiculous statement is made to the effect that they are storing munitions of war to invade Canada.

THE NIZAM.

H.H. the Nizam left Calcutta for Benares last night.

INDIAN TROOPS FOR MAURITIUS.

The War Office have asked for the services of a second Regiment of a Native Infantry for Mauritius. It will probably be furnished by the Madras Command

THE LATE SIR G. C. PAUL.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JAN. 2.

Sir Gregory Charles Paul, K.C.I.E., B.A., late Advocate-General of Bengal, died of heart's disease, at his residence, 3, Park Street, Calcutta. Sir Charles had recently returned from a trip to Europe and seemingly was in the best of health and spirits. He intended going to the Proclamation Parade on Monday morning, but was taken ill on Sunday about midnight with asthma and heart trouble. Drs. Charles and Murray were called in and everything possible was done, but he sank and died in the early hours of New Year's Day. Curiously enough on that morning he ceased to be nominally the Advocate-General, for while some months have elapsed since he gave up active connection with the appointment it was only with the New Year that the appointment formally ceased as Advocate-General. He was respected not only by the members of the Bar but by attorneys and vakils also. He leaves a widow, a son, and two daughters. The funeral took place yesterday morning at the cemetery attached to the Greek Church at Amratala. A very large gathering of friends assembled at Sir Charles' residence, the chief mourners being Mr. P. C. Paul, Count W. De Bourdeille, Mr. Hemingway, Mr. N. J. Valetta, and Mr. H. M. Paul. Among those who attended the funeral were Sir John Woodburn; the Lieutenant Governor of Bengal; Lord Suffolk, Aide-de-Camp, representing the Viceroy; Mr. Sen, representing the Maharaja of Cooch Behar; Sir Francis Maclean, Chief Justice of Bengal; Sir Patrick Playfair; and Sir Griffith Evans.

Mr. Woodroffe, the Advocate-General and the Chief Justice referred in sympathetic terms to Sir Charles' death this morning at the High Court.

THE SUPREME LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

We understand that the business at the next Friday's meeting of the Viceroy's Council will include the introduction of the Burma Courts Bill, to provide for the establishment of a Chief Court in Rangoon; and also the addition of the names of Messrs. Smeaton and Mehta to the select committee on the Press Messages' Bill.

THE QUEEN-EMPRESS ON THE LOYALTY OF HER INDIAN SUBJECTS.

The Viceroy who has kept the Queen-Empress constantly informed as to the striking evidences of the loyalty that has been forthcoming from all classes and communities in India, in connection with the war in South Africa, has been requested by her Majesty to let it be known how gratifying to her has been these expressions of loyalty from her Indian subjects.

PRESIDENCY BANKS SCHEME.

A question will be put on behalf of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce at the next Legislative Council meeting, enquiring what steps Government propose to take as the result of the recent Conference on the Presidency Banks scheme.

GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP OF INDIA.

Mr. Maitland-Heriot of Cachar has won the Amateur Golf Championship of India here, beating Mr. Drimmie easily in the finals.

CONGRATULATORY ENTERTAINMENT TO THE GAEKWAR.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

BARODA, JAN. 2.

The officers of the Baroda State, stationed at Baroda, entertained his Highness and the Prince in the public park to celebrate the occasion of the Prince's success at the last Matriculation Examination. Colonel Ravenshawe, the Resident, and other European officers of the camps and their guests were present. The gathering was a highly representative one, the sirdars, darakdars, and other respectable members of all communities having been invited. The grounds were prettily illuminated and tastefully decorated. His Highness' Band played selections of music. The gathering dispersed at a late hour in the evening after taking refreshments. A notable feature of the entertainment was the feeding of famine-stricken people, 4,000 in number, in the spacious compound of the Baroda College.

POLO IN RANGOON.

RANGOON, JAN. 2.

The Polo final for the Commissioner's Cup was played on Saturday, when the Durhams and the Mandalay Gymkhana met. The former won by eight goals and four subsidiaries to love. The victory was a popular one and was never in doubt. After the match the members of the winning team were presented with four silver cups of exquisite workmanship and valued at Rs. 300 each.

THE GOVERNOR AT JALGAON.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

JALGAON, JAN. 2.

His Excellency the Governor visited the Jalgaon Relief Works this morning and was received by Mr. Snow, Commissioner, and other gentlemen. He inspected the camp and distributed clothes to the distressed which had been given by Messrs. Moolji Jaitha and Co. Pan-supari and flowers were afterwards presented to the party at the station.

FAMINE RELIEF.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

AHMEDABAD, JAN. 2.

A public meeting was held here this evening, under the presidency of the Collector, Mr. Gibb, to appoint a committee to distribute Rs. 1.500, allotted by the Bombay Relief Committee to Ahmedabad. Eighteen persons constituted the committee with power to collect funds locally, and form a sub-committee in the district.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING FOR BOMBAY.

THE Committee, appointed to consider and report on the Municipal Commissioner's letter regarding the applications made to him by certain firms for permission to establish station and lay down cables, &c., for the supply of electric light and power in the City, report that they find, on going into the papers before them, that none of the applicants have brought forward any very definite proposals as to how they will utilize and work the concession they require. It is necessary that more definite proposals should be before the Committee to enable them to deal with the matter properly. It is also desirable that it should become more widely known than it seems to be at present that there is now a demand for electric light and power in the city, so that offers might be received by the Municipality from firms of the best standing and competency. One firm, Messrs. Siemens & Halske, who wish to file an application, ask for about six months' time to study the subject more closely before making definite proposals. Further, the Commissioner states in his letter under reference to the Committee that Government are considering the necessity of legislating for the control of the supply of electric power. In these circumstances it seems desirable to the Committee not to proceed hastily, but to let some time elapse to admit of the matter becoming more widely known and of maturer proposals coming in. The Committee have therefore decided to postpone consideration of the subject until the Commissioner is able to obtain from such firms as desire to compete definite terms and proposals after allowing them sufficient time for making surveys and collecting any necessary information. By that time it will also perhaps be possible to know more than at present as to the scope and nature of any legislation affecting the matter which Government may be proposing to enact.

ART, MUSIC AND DRAMA.

PICTURE GALLERIES.

MUSICAL NOTES AND NEW PLAYS.

LONDON, DEC. 16.

AT Mr. Gutekunst's Gallery in King-street, St. James's, there is a collection of etchings by various eminent hands. Among these are a number of pieces by a Parisian etcher, the late M. F. Buhot, whose name is perhaps better known in America than in England, though he did a good deal of work in this country some of which is shown here. The best of his plates have both vigour and finesse—for example, the "Debarquement en Angleterre." the "Fiacres," an excellent plate, and the "Souvenir du Medway." A misguided habit of surrounding his principal subject with minor designs in a border, etching upon etching, spoils the effect of many of his compositions. One might guess him to have been an artist of more taste than original force, who probably suffered from dissatisfaction with his own work, only now and again attaining exact results.

Here, also, are a number of early etchings by Mr. Whistler, of great beauty and interest. Mostly done about forty years ago, their excellence is of a notably different quality from that of his more recent work. They are full of strong and patient drawing, and remarkable for minute detail. There is more than a touch of Pre-Raphaelite feeling about them, though they have a distinction of composition and instinct, through all complexity of detail, for general effect which is not found in the Pre-Raphaelite designs. Here, too, are two coloured "Chiaroscuro" wood blocks by Mr. Strang—a revival of an old art—one of which is extremely successful. It is to be hoped that Mr. Strang will go on and do some more. There also are some fine Rembrandt proofs, some Meryons, Legros, and other interesting things.

At Mr. Dunthorne's there is a very pleasant little collection of water-colour drawings by Mr. Charles Pepper, an American artist. These are chiefly done in France and Holland. They are in "gouache" reinforced by the pen, and they are kept in a light decorative key which is effective and agreeable. Among the best we may mention "The White Girl," with the reflected light on the neck and cheek; the "Damrack," a little bit of street and canal; "The Green Door"; "Anna," another study of a white-capped Dutch maiden standing by a tiled fireplace; and the amusing "Kermis," with the two figures, each half out of the picture, which reminds one a little of Steinlen. But all the drawings show taste and cleverness, and are worth seeing.

An exhibition of a not dissimilar nature is the show at the Fine Art Society's of "pictures for children," a collection of coloured drawings, some of which have been already reproduced and published in Christmas numbers and magazines, and some are quite new. Among the artists are Messrs. Tom Browne, Cecil Aldin, Dudley Hardy, and Hassell, who send a number of lively, bright illustrations which will be appreciated by elders quite as much as by children. Mr. Aldin's animals are capital, and Mr. Hassall's series of designs for the month are clever. On a rather higher plane is the delicate work of Mr. Newton Shepard, who has a unique sense of grace in his drawing of children, which occasionally verges on affectation, but is a quality very rare among the younger artists of to-day. Here, too, are some delightful sketches of Dutch children by Mr. Phil May, whose work with the pencil is more interesting and not less brilliant than the familiar pen-and-ink in which he excels. In the adjoining room a few new drawings have been added, since the opening, of the exhibition, to Mr. Raven Hill's admirable collection.

At the Continental Gallery, 157, New Bond-street, there is a series of drawings in black-and-white by the brothers Rhead—illustrations to Tennyson's "Idylls of the King" and to Bunyan's "Mr. Badman." About these it is scarcely necessary to say much—a great deal of labour and ingenuity has been expended on them, especially in the Tennysonian subjects, but the foundations are inadequate. Knowledge of structure and sense of composition are too manifestly lacking, and no amount of subsequent elaboration can make up for this initial weakness. It is only fair to add, however, that they would probably gain a good deal by reduction in scale, as is seen by the example reproduced on the first leaf of the catalogue.

Mozart's "Die Zauberflote," which was performed in English, under Dr. Stanford's conductorship, at the Lyceum, on Wednesday could have been no easy task to the students of the Royal College of Music. It is possible that few of them had ever seen a stage representation to teach them the business of the scene; for "The Magic Flute," owing mainly to its ridiculous story, has rarely been performed of late years. As to the music, it presents many difficulties, even to adult artists, to say nothing of those still under tuition. For it is supposed, and, indeed, in some quarters it has somewhat rashly been stated, that the style in which Mozart wrote is no longer cultivated by vocalitsts, who find that modern music consists very largely of declamation. It is, therefore, altogether to the credit of the Royal College students and their instructors that so excellent a representation was secured. Miss Delia Mason, who sang the extremely arduous part of the Queen of the Night, attacked the cruelly high notes fearlessly, and also showed herself an adept in florid vocalism. Miss Gleeson-White, the Pamina, is another soprano of whom we shall certainly hear again. Her voice is developing the genuinely dramatic quality, and although at present she is, of course, a stage beginner, she, as a vocalist, possesses artistic feeling and taste. In Mr. Courtier-Dutton the Royal College also has a highly promising young light baritone. His voice is at present rather thin, but he sings like a true artist, and he showed in the part of Papageno—once, by the way, a favourite of Mr. Santley—the real comic instinct. These three were the best of the party; but the Tamino, a young Welsh tenor, Mr. Gwilym Evans, has a pretty voice and artistic style; although like most of his associates as an actor he as almost everything to learn. It was however, less in the matter of individual effort, than for excellence of encemble, that the performance was so admirable. Under the careful training of Dr. Standford, Mr Richard Temple, Mr. Soutten, and the vocal staff of the College, the opera had been thoroughly prepared and rehearsed, so that although this was a first public performance, it went with a smoothness which is very often absent from more important operatic enterprises. The "dry recitative," of which there is comparatively little, was replaced by dialogue; and Mozart's orchestral accompaniments were played with a delicacy and refinement which showed the pains and care taken at rehearsal. This was all the more creditable inasmuch as the orchestra, with the exception of seven players, consisted exclusively of past or present pupils of the College; while the chorus, whose fresh and unworn voices it was a pleasure to listen to, and even the dancers in the Temple scene, were students of the Institution. It seems a pity that so much time and trouble have to be devoted to a single representation; although there ought to be a sufficient number of Mozart lovers in London to support a carefully rehearsed and artistic performance of this sort for a short run.

On Monday evening was produced by an American company Mr. Zangwill's much discussed Jewish drama, "Children of the Ghetto" at Adelphi Theatre. The audience in the gallery and pit were anything but orderly, and this was not conducive to the success of the play. It is a crude bit of work at the best, and the story amounts to this. An attractive and beautiful girl, Hannah Jocobs, daughter of a rabbi, is wedded by accident. In a jovial moment a male friend places a ring upon her finger and repeats the marriage lines in the presence of witnesses; this according to Hebrew law renders what was intended for a mock ceremony a legal one. The girl to free herself commences divorce proceedings, and succeeds in undoing the mischief which had taken place in a moment of levity. She takes but little heed of the affair till David Brandon makes his appearance. This young man has just arrived from the Cape, where he has made a fortune. Hannah and David fall in love; but Brandon, whose real name is Cohen belongs to a priestly race (as does the heroine), and they are forbidden by a sacred law to mate with those who have been divorced. The struggle between love and duty is finely drawn by the playwright, but the motive seems inadequate, and tends rather to exaggerate the position of the lovers than to arouse sympathy. Duty conquers, and Hannah to save her father from sorrow renounces the man to whom she has given her affections. Thus the creed of the rabbi is upheld, and the curtain falls upon the despair of Hannah and David. The acting was not remarkable; it was of a dead level order and never, with one exception, rose to sublimity. Mr. Wilton Lackaye, as the Rabbi, was the exception; he won golden opinions from all parts of the house. The audience, save a few, evidently did not understand the incidents and allusions with which Mr. Zangwill has filled his scenes, for they took the dialogue and the situations none too seriously. We have the greatest admiration for Mr. Zangwill as a writer, but as a dramatic author he fails, we regret to record, unmistakably. The staging is very effective.

At the Alhambra the new ballet, "The Soldiers of the Queen," produced under the direction of Mr. C. D. Slater, was met with approval by a house crowded to discomfort. But little description is necessary, for the title speaks for itself. The first performance, which took place on Monday, went as smoothly as though it had been running for months; the dancing, the marches, and manœuvres were hailed with enthusiasm. The troops now in Africa are represented by the Irish Fusiliers, Dublin Fusiliers, the Dorsets, Gordon Highlanders, Hussars, Lancers, Guardsmen, the New South Wales Lancers, and the Artillery. The "tableau final" is full of movement, colour, and waving pennons. This forms a brilliant and animated scene; and as the curtain descended the applause was deafening. The music, composed and selected by Mr. George Byng, could not be better; it is bright, tuneful, and stirring. The call for Mr. Slater and his colleagues must have been highly gratifying, the appreciation by the audience of their successful work was as hearty as it was sincere.

Patriotic fervour ran high at the Tivoli Theatre on Wednesday night, when a new series of animated war pictures—termed the Anglo-American Bio-Tableau—was introduced, and will be continued. Among many scenes represented in action, some of the most taking were the departure of General Buller on the Dunottar Castle at Southampton, the arrival of the noted ship at Capetown doing twenty knots an hour, and the review by the General of serviceable-looking Colonial volunteers. Portraits of Mr. Chamberlain and Sir Redvers Buller were received with applause; that of President Kruger with boohing, and that of the gallant Baden-Powell with enthusiastic cheering. Most respectful demonstration of loyalty was made on the presentation of a majestic figure of the Queen, the whole audience rising and joining in singing the National Anthem, accompanied by the band. An Irish song by Mr. Pat Rafferty, extolling the Irish soldiers at Glencoe, was well received. Other new items in the programme are Miss Vickey Delmar, child drummer and dancer, Miss Nellie Lovell, male impersonator, and Mr. Joe Elvin and his company doing "Deaf." Talma, Queen of Coins, continues to interest and amuse, and there are also on the boards at the Tivoli Mr. Bran by Williams, Mr. Harry Randall, Dutch Daly, Mlle. Diane-de Fontenoy, the personator of beautiful statuary.

The reference to music in Stevenson's letters are not numerous, but they are interesting and sometimes amusing. As a young man he was devoted to opera. When he was in Germany in 1872 he heard Halevy's "La Juive," and "was thereby terribly excited," so much so, indeed, that he had not the heart to sit through the cauldron scene in the last act. The man whom "La Juive" excites must, indeed, be impressionable. In the same letter, he writes, "An opera is far more real than real life to me. It seems as if stage illusion, and particularly this hardest to swallow and most conventional of them all—an opera—would never stale upon me. I wish that life was an opera. I should like to live in one, but I don't know in what quarter of the globe I shall find a society so constituted. Besides, it would soon pall: imagine asking for three-kreuzer cigars in recitative, or giving the washerwoman the inventory of your dirty clothes in a sustained and flourishous aria."

When he was living at Bournemouth in 1886, Stevenson began to learn the piano. "You should hear Lloyd on the penny whistle," he writes, "and me on the piano! Dear powers, what a concerto! The neighbours in a radius of a furlong and a half are packing up in quest of brighter climes." He invented a new and most expressive word to describe his playing—"pickling," "I have been pickling deeply in 'The Magic Flute,' and have arranged 'La dove prende' almost to the end for two melodious forefingers. I am next going to score the really nobler 'Colomba o tortorella' for the same instruments." This is chaff, of course, for he is righteously indignant with "arrangers" of the classics "There's a person called Lenz, who actually does it—beware his den; I lost eighteen pennies on him, and found the bleeding corpses of pieces of music divorced from their keys, despoiled of their graces, and even changed in time. I do not wish to regard music (nor to be regarded) through that bony Lenz."

He was not content with playing, he aspired also to composition. He talks learnedly and apparently seriously of dominant sevenths, inversions, and other hard matters, and signs himself "The Maestro." He wrote a Threnody which he sent to his cousin, Mr. R. A. M. Stevenson, for inspection. Apparently it came in for some severe criticism. "There may be hidden fifths in it," he writes, "and if there are it shows how dam spontaneous the thing was. I could tinker and tic-tac-toe on a piece of paper, but scorned the act with a Threnody which was poured forth like blood and water on the groaning organ." However, he was not discouraged, and came up smiling with an Op. 2. "Herewith another shy; more melancholy than before, but I think not so adjectly idiotic. The musical terms seems to be as good as in Beethoven, and that after all, is the great affair. Bar the dam bareness of the base it looks like a piece of real music from a distance. I am proud to say it was not made one hand at a time. The base was of synchronous birth with the treble, they are of the same age, and may God have mercy on their souls."

FAMINE IN BOMBAY PRESIDENCY.

THE Government have issued the following memorandum with regard to the famine in the Bombay Presidency:—Excepting insignificant showers in parts of the Thar and Parkar District and the Mahi Kantha Agency, there was no rain in any part of the Presidency during the week ending the 23rd ulto. A good fall is urgently wanted to save the surviving rabi crops in dry-crop lands in the Deccan and Karnatak. The prices of the staple food-grains show a slight fall in most of the districts.

The progress statement of relief measures for the week ending the 23rd ulto, are:—Workers, 412 619; dependants, 167,004; Gratuitously relieved in poor-houses and villages, 19,018.

The following new relief works were started during the week under report:—Ahmedabad—Depenting the Sonaria Tank. Broach—Clearing Matar Tank. Surat—Motu Tank excavation. The following railway works have been added to the famine programme:—Kaira—Earth-work of the Nadiad-Kapadvanj Railway. Panch Mahals—Doubling the banks of the Godhra-Rutlam Railway; The opening of two test works in the Dahanu Taluka and Umbargaon Petha of the Thana District has been authorized.

The District Medical Officers and other officers of the Sanitary Department, after visiting some of the relief works and affected villages in the Gujarat and Deccan Districts, report the physical condition of the people to be generally good and the water-supply and other sanitary arrangements of the relief camps to be satisfactory.

Arrangements are being made to obtain Indian Staff Corps officers for famine duty, and four of them who were recently relieved from Plague duty have been posted to relief works. The employment of additional Police for famine duty has been authorised in the Khandesh, Poona, Ahmednagar, Sholapur and Bijapur Districts.

Three additional poor-houses have been opened in the Ahmedabad District and one in the Kaira District. The attention of the Collectors has been called to the recommendations of the Famine Commission regarding the organization of village relief, and it has been directed that very careful village inspection should begin as soon as it is clear that acute distress prevails, and every village should be visited by a Circle Inspector at least once a fortnight for the purpose of ascertaining whether all who require relief on works, or in poor houses or at home are getting it, or are in a position to get it if they require it. It has also been ordered that all of those requiring gratuitous relief who are within easy reach of a kitchen should as far as possible be sent to it.

MR. BRIGHT, Chairman of the Calcutta Corporation, proceeds on two months' sick leave. Mr. Duke, Magistrate of Howrah, will probably officiate.

A CONFERENCE was held at Coolgardie on Dec. 13 and was attended by representatives of all the goldfields, who expressed strong dissatisfaction with the action of the Western Australian Government in regard to federation. It was decided to petition the Queen in favour of the separation of the goldfields from the colony.

THE TROOPS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

LATEST AUTHENTIC DETAILS.

IT has hitherto been almost impossible to locate with certainty all the troops that were in South Africa before the war broke out and that have since been sent out. Under the circumstances discrepancies have crept in, and people in this country have thus been made anxious as to where their soldier relatives may be.

We are now, says the "Daily News," on Dec. 16, however, able to give a complete and accurate list from official sources. We have added the names of the regiments now on the sea and preparing to embark at home in a separate return as it is not yet known to what force Sir Redvers Buller will apportion the further reinforcements. It is as yet impossible to name the exact brigades several regiments are grouped under as there was such a complete shuffle of regiments a fortnight since, but where the commands are certain we give the names of divisional and brigade commanders, grouping the other regiments under their proper divisions but not their certain brigades.

SIR REDVERS BULLER'S MAIN ATTACK (NATAL.)

(FROM FRERE AND ESTCOURT TO LADYSMITH.)

LT.-GENERAL SIR F. CLERY'S DIVISION.

MAJOR-GENERAL H. J. HILDYARD'S BRIGADE.

2nd Bn. West Yorkshire Regiment.
2nd Bn. East Surrey Regiment.
2nd Bn. West Surrey Regiment.
2nd Bn. Devonshire Regiment.

MAJOR-GENERAL HON. N. G. LYTTELTON'S BRIGADE.

2nd Bn. Scottish Rifles.
1st Bn. Durham Light Infantry.
1st Bn. Rifle Brigade.
3rd Bn. King's Royal Rifles.

MAJOR-GENERAL BARTON'S BRIGADE.

2nd Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers.
2nd Bn Royal Irish Fusiliers.
1st Bn. Royal Welsh Fusiliers.
1st Bn. Royal Dublin Fusiliers.

OTHER REGIMENTS UNDER UNCERTAIN BRIGADE COMMANDS

1st Bn. Derbyshire Regiment.
2nd Bn. Royal Fusiliers.
1st Bn. Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.
2nd Bn. Somerset Light Infantry.
1st Bn. Border Regiment.
1st Bn. Connaught Rangers.
Detachment of 1st Bn. Gloucester Regiment.
Naval Brigade and Natal Native Volunteers.

LORD DUNDONALD'S CAVALRY BRIGADE.

1st Royal Dragoons.
Two squadrons 13th Hussars.
Two squadrons 6th Inniskilling Dragoons.
South African Horse.
Imperial Light Horse.

MAJOR-GENERAL G. H. MARSHALL'S COMMAND, R. A.

7th, 14th 84th, 63th, and 73rd Batteries, R. F. A.,
Part of 65th Battery, R. F. A. (Howitzer).
4th Mountain Battery R. G. A.

LORD METHUEN'S DIVISION;

South Africa,

MAIN ATTACK BY MODDER ON KIMBERLEY.

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR H. E. COLVILLE'S BRIGADE.

3rd Bn. Grenadier Guards.
1st Bn. Scots Guards.
1st. Bn. Coldstream Guards.
2nd Bn. Coldstream Guards.

MAJOR-GENERAL WAUCHOPE'S BRIGADE.

2nd Bn. Royal Highlanders.
1st Bn. Highland Light Infantry.
2nd Bn. Seaforth Highlanders.
1st Bn. Gordon Highlanders.

MAJOR-GEN. R. POLE-CAREW'S BRIGADE.

2nd Bn. Northamptonshire Regiment.
2nd Bn. Yorkshire Light Infantry.
1st Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers.
1st Bn. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.
1st Bn. Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.
1st Bn. Royal Munster Fusiliers.

MAJOR-GENERAL BABINGTON'S CAVALRY BRIGADE

9th Lancers.
Part of 6th Inniskilling Dragoons.
6th Dragoon Guards.
12th Lancers.
One squadron 13th Hussars.
Remington Guides.

ARTILLERY.

61st Battery R.F.A. (Howitzer).
Four guns, 65th Battery R.F.A. (Howitzer).
"G" and "P" Batteries R.H.A.
18th, 62nd, and 75th Batteries R.F.A.
Naval Brigade with Heavy Gun.
Mounted Infantry.
Part of New Zealand and New South Wales Lancers

GENERAL GATACRE'S DIVISION (NORTH CAPE COLONY).

This includes the regiments he has at his advanced post approaching Stormberg—those at Queenstown and those holding line of communications under Lieut.-General Sir Forestier Walker and Major-General J. W. Murray.

UNDER UNCERTAIN BRIGADE COMMANDERS.

2nd Bn. Royal Berkshire Regiment.
2nd Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers.
2nd Bn. Royal Irish Rifles.
2nd Bn. Shropshire Regiment.
2nd Bn. Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.
1st Bn. Suffolk Regiment.
1st Bn. Royal Scots.
1st Bn. Essex Regiment.
1st Bn. Welsh Regiment.

LT.-GENERAL FRENCH'S DIVISION OF CAVALRY (CAPE COLONY).

Operating from Naauwpoort (North Cape Colony), at De Aar, with General Gatacre at Molteno, and on line of communications in Cape Colony.

2nd Dragoons (Scots Greys).
10th Hussars.
6th Inniskilling Dragoons.
New South Wales Lancers.
Mounted Infantry.
Native Imperial Mounted Corps.

ARTILLERY.

"O" and "R" Batteries R.H.A.
4th, 37th, 38th 74th, 77th, and 78th Batt. R.F.A.
14th and 23rd Companies West Division Royal Garrison Artillery.
20th Fortress Company, Royal Garrison Artillery

SIR GEORGE WHITE'S DIVISION AT LADYSMITH' NATAL.

UNDER UNCERTAIN BRIGADE COMMANDERS

1st Bn. Gloucester Regiment.
1st Bn. Leicester Regiment.
1st. Bn. Devonshire Regiment.
1st. Bn. King's Royal Rifles.
2nd Bn. King's Royal Rifles.
1st Bn. Royal Irish Fusiliers.
2nd Bn. Royal Dublin Fusiliers.
2nd Bn. Gordon Highlanders.
1st Bn. Liverpool Regiment.
1st. Bn. Manchester Regiment.

NAVAL BRIGADE AND NATAL VOLUNTEERS.

CAVALRY AND ARTILLERY.

5th Dragoon Guards.
5th Lancers.
18th Hussars.
19th Hussars.
Special Corps of Mounted Infantry.
Corps of Imperial Light Horse.
13th, 21st, 42nd, 53rd, 67th, and 69th Batteries R.F.A.

The following are the troops to commence landing at Capetown this week and on their way out at sea:

SIR CHARLES WARREN'S DIVISION.

MAJOR-GENERAL E. R. P. WOODGATE'S BRIGADE.

1st Bn. S. Lancashire Regiment.
2nd Bn. Royal Lancaster Regiment.
2nd Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers.
1st Bn. York and Lancaster Regiment.

MAJOR-GENERAL J. T. COKE'S BRIGADE.

1st Bn. Yorkshire Regiment.
1st Bn. Royal Warwick.
2nd Bn. Dorset Regiment.
2nd Bn. Middlesex Regiment.

CAVALRY AND ARTILLERY.

Mixed Regiment of Household Cavalry
14th Hussars.
27th Battery R.F.A. (Howitzer).
19th and 20th Batteries R.F. Artillery.

Troops being got ready and starting this week:

LIEUT.-GENERAL KELLY-KENNY'S DIVISION.

MAJOR-GENERAL R. A. P. CLEMENTS' BRIGADE.

2nd Bedfordshire Regiment.
2nd Royal Irish Regiment.
2nd Worcester Regiment.
2nd Wiltshire Regiment.

MAJOR-GENERAL C. E. KNOX'S BRIGADE.

2nd East Kent.
2nd Gloucester.
1st West Riding Regiment.
1st Oxfordshire Light Infantry.
"T." "Q." and "U" Batteries Royal Horse Artillery.

Strong detachments for every British regiment that has been in action up to this time.

Troops in prospect to be mobilised for War Service, and to be sent out after Christmas, if required:

A Division of Infantry.
8 Regiments.
A Brigade of Cavalry.
3 Regiments.
A Battery of Royal Horse Artillery,

THE ADDITIONAL TROOPS FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

The 16th Lancers proceeding to South Africa will be railed on evening of 5th January 1900 from Deolali and arrive at Bombay the following morning as follows, for embarkation in transports which will sail on the 6th January 1900 :—

For transport No. 28 "Lindula"—Two special trains leaving Deolali at 20-30 and 22-0 o'clock, arriving at the Prince's Dock at 5 and 6 30 a.m. (local time), with the Head Quarter and "A" Squadron.

For transport No. 30 "Fazilka"—Two special trains leaving Deolali at 21-0 and 22 30 o'clock, arriving at the Prince's Dock at 5-40 and 7 0 a.m. (local time), with "C" Squadron.

For transport No. 29 "Nairung"—Two special trains leaving Deolali at 21-30 and 23-0 o'clock, arriving at the Prince's Dock at 6 and 7-30 a.m. (local time), with "D" Squadron.

Any details at Bombay for embarkation in either of these transports to be sent to the jetty shed, Prince's Dock at 6 a.m. on the 6th January 1900.

The following officers of the R. A. M. C, are placed respectively in medical charge of troops proceeding to South Africa on board the vessels stated against their names :—Major H. N. Thompson,—s. s. "Lindula;" Captain J. G. McNaught,—s. s. "Nairung;" and Captain A. F. Tyrell,—s. s. "Fazilka."

TRANSVAAL WAR FUND.

LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	Rs.	a.	p.
Amount already advised	63,291	11	11
Friends in Lundi Kotal	30	0	0
Mr. S. Thorp	5	0	0
Mrs. H. M. Scott Montcrieff	50	0	0
Mr. Moolchund Lambuk	50	0	0
Mr. J. Dashe	10	0	0
Anonymous	25	0	0
Mr. W. J. Sharpe	10	0	0
Mr. C. G. Howeln	10	0	0
Imperial Forest : a day's pay	22	0	0
Mr. G. S. Evans	20	0	0
Total.....Rs.	63 523	11	11

MR. LANDOR AND THE ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—To dispel once for all the impression created by attacks impugning the accuracy of my observations and surveys during my journey in S.W. Thibet in 1897, may I state that Sir Clements Markham, President of the Royal Geographical Society, properly anxious to establish the truth, ordered a new and thorough examination to be made into my geographical work, by Mr. John Coles, professional expert of the Society. Mr. Coles's report was read to me by Sir Clements Markham, and it is to the effect that my observations for latitude, longitude and altitude were accurately taken and the plotting work well done, proving therefore the attacks of Sir Thomas Holdich and Mr. Douglas Freshfield absolutely unfounded. It was because I knew my work to be accurate that I was so ready to submit all my documents a second time to the Society on the assurance given me by Sir Clements Markham that the result of the inquiry would be published in the Society's Journal. As this result reflects more credit on me than upon my traducers, it is possible that those members of the Council who gave publicity to charges against me now consider it expedient to declare such a report confidential. It would be interesting if the public, and particularly the members of the Society, would inquire into the doing of those members of the Council and officials of the Royal Geographical Society, and they may then discover why and wherefore such misleading statements were circulated and their official denial, that has been in the hands of the Society for several months, still withheld.

Regarding the last point of the controversy, viz. "the connection," imagined by my critics, "of the Mansarowar and Rakast l lakes in Thibet," the Royal Geographical Society has in a letter from Lieutenant Channer, 1st 3rd Gurkhas (who crossed the ridge between the two lakes in 1895), received further and undeniable evidence substantiating in every detail my assertion "that no visible connection exists between the two lakes."

Having proved my critics to be wrong on every point, I remain, sir, yours truly,

A. HENRY SAVAGE LANDOR,

St. Ermin's Hotel, Westminster.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m., yesterday, give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Plague. Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle & Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	7	0	7
B Mandvi, Chuckla, Umarkhadi and Dongri	6	4	42
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswadi, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Kumbharwada	8	7	42
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpaty, Walkeshwar and Mahaluxmee	3	1	19
E Mazagon, Tarwadi, 2nd Nagpada, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	6	4	60
F Parel, Sewri and Sion	1	0	14
G Mahim and Worli	1	0	16
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	10	22
Total	32	23	222
Total plague deaths to date	61,788	53,414	
Same date last year	19	19	131

DAMAUN.

THE total mortality of Lower Damaun during the month of December was 29, being 20 more than that of the previous month and 17 more than that of December, 1898 ; 14 died of plague, 5 of worms, 4 of fever, 2 of old age, 2 of phthisis, 1 of measles, and 1 of leprosy. The mortality amongst castes was :—Mahomedans 9, Golas 4, Dhorias 3, Khambatas 3, Sootars 2, Doobias 2, Lohar 1, Bhatela 1, Khatri 1, Soni 1, Kansara 1, and Mochi 1. The village of Lower Damaun contributed 14, Kathiria 6, Kharewadi 6, and Kharawad 3.

WATER-SUPPLY TO SANTA CRUZ.

THE Report of the Committee of the Corporation regarding supply of water to Santa Cruz has been submitted, and it points out that in his letter the Deputy Executive Engineer, Water Works, states that "the total probable consumption in Santa Cruz during the months the bungalows there are occupied would amount to from 10,000 to 15,000 gallons a day." Even taking the total daily consumption of water all the year round at Santa Cruz to be 20,000 gallons, the total quantity which Santa Cruz would consume in one year (*viz.*, 7,300,000 gallons) is no more than about 1-5th of the quantity of water which is supplied to the City of Bombay in one day and about 3-4ths of the draw.off (10 millions of gallons) of one day from the Vehar Lake from which Santa Cruz will receive its supply—if given—there being in this lake sufficient water at present to last at the average rate of daily draw-off for about 50 weeks. Further, the Committee find that the quantity of water available for consumption in the Vehar, Tulsi and Tansa Lakes together on the 26th November 1899 was 3,249 million cubic feet, or 20,306 million gallons, which is a sufficient quantity of water to meet the requirements of Bombay for a period of 57 weeks ; and as from the 26th of November 1899 to the 30th of June 1900 (by which date it may be expected the lakes will begin to be replenished by next year's rainfall) is a period of only 32 weeks, there is no reason to refuse the very small quantity of water required by Santa Cruz on the ground of insufficiency of water. The Committee therefore think that Santa Cruz, which is practically a suburb of Bombay and helps to relieve the congestion of population in the City, should, like its neighbours, Bandora and Andheri, have the advantage of a water-supply from the Bombay Municipal Lakes. The supply should, however, not be given direct to Santa Cruz, but an additional supply should be given to Bandora for supply by it to Santa Cruz, on the same terms and conditions on which Bandra is now supplied water for its own use, an additional deposit of a sufficient amount being taken from the Bandora Municipality as a security for the regular payment of charges.

THE BANK OF BENGAL.

THE profits of the Bank of Bengal for the half-year ending 31st ultimo, amount to Rs. 17,49,573-4-6 which the Directors have dealt with as follows :—

	Rs.	a.	p.
Dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum	10,00,000	0	0
Transferred to Reserve Fund	3,50,000	0	0
" Pension Fund	50,000	0	0
Carried forward to current half-year	3,49,573	4	6
	Rs. 17,49,573	4	6

SMOKE "RICHMOND GEM"—Cigarettes in round air-tight tins of 50, of all Tobacconists.

THE NATIVE PRESS.

THE CONGRESS ADDRESS.

THE *Indian Spectator* is of opinion that the address which Mr. Romesh Chunder Dutt delivered as president of the Indian Congress, was one of the most practical and useful addresses delivered by persons in that position. Our contemporary adds :—Mr. Dutt had, of course, a great advantage over them all in the intimate knowledge he had acquired of the inner working of the machinery of administration, as a distinguished member of the Indian Civil Service. Added to this, the sincerity and moderation of his tone throughout the address are such as to compel the attention of the most bureaucratic of officials to the wise and cautious suggestions he has made, with the object of popularising the administration and making it more effectively cognisant of the real needs and aspirations of the country. The address is no series of eloquent perorations. It is, as Mr. Dutt himself spoke of it, the plain speech of a plain man who feels it his duty to the Government, no less than to his countrymen, to point out, in a spirit not of criticism but of co-operation, wherein the present system is weak, and how it can be strengthened.

HINDUS AND THE PLAGUE PROPHYLACTIC.

The *Rast Goftar* thus refers to Surgeon-Major Bannerman's success in removing the main objection of Hindus to the use of the plague prophylactic: Surgeon-Major Bannerman has formally informed Government that the experiment conducted by him to ascertain whether plague prophylactic could be effectively made through the medium of wheat has proved successful. The result is considered to be so conclusive, that Major Bannerman thinks no hesitation need now be felt in recommending vegetarians to be inoculated with this kind of vaccine. It promises to be as effectual as the serum prepared in the ordinary manner.

THE MAHOMEDAN EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE.

Some of the native journals welcome the meetings of the Mahomedan Educational Conference with satisfaction. The *Indian Spectator* remarks :—We congratulate the promoters of the Mahomedan Educational Conference at the exceptional success that is said to have attended their last sittings at Calcutta. The details of the work done at the Conference are not as yet before us. The fact, however, that hundreds of Mahomedan gentlemen were found willing and able to undertake a journey to Calcutta, with the object of advancing the educational progress of their co-religionists, is in itself a healthy and hopeful sign. The Mahomedans of India possess many advantages, social and political, over their Hindu brethren, and they should exert them all for the good of the country. This they cannot do, unless they show more aptitude for the assimilation of modern ideas, and for the apprehension, generally, of modern conditions of life. It is because the labours of the Educational Conference promise to bring about an improvement in their character in this respect, that we welcome its annual meetings with such satisfaction.

RELEASE OF THE NATU BROTHERS.

The native papers rejoice at the release of the Natu Brothers. The *Indian Spectator* states :—The brothers Natu received their freedom on Christmas Day. It will, perhaps, never be known what the grounds were on which they were brought under the operation of the old Regulation. Whatever these may be, we may congratulate the Government on having withdrawn from a rather awkward position, somehow or other. It is considerate of Lord Sandhurst, if to him the Natus owe their release, not to leave the question to be dealt with by his successor. Sir Stafford Northcote would have found it a delicate one to handle. On the one hand, he would have been hampered by regard for his predecessor's deliberate action, and, on the other, he would have been at a loss to convince himself of the necessity for keeping these two men under a kind of arrest.

The *Rast Goftar* writes :—We cannot help congratulating the Bombay Government on the step they have taken of releasing the Natu Brothers from captivity. More than once, together with our contemporaries, we had urged Government to do so. In making this appeal we did not certainly assume that Government could have had no justification for this extreme step, and that they knew no more than the public at large about the two brothers. But nevertheless, the sudden "invocation of extreme and summary powers," vested in them by law, was a step which could not be looked upon with equanimity : and there were at all times substantial reasons to urge Government to either release the Natus or to bring them to open trial.

The *Kaiser-i-Hind* remarks :—So we see that at last tardy justice has been meted out to the unfortunate Natu Brothers ; and the whole of India rejoices at their liberation. It is melancholy to contemplate that the Government of Bombay should ever have thought it advisable to set in motion an old and almost forgotten regulation, a regulation which is in every manner contrary to all recognised principles of constitutional freedom, a regulation which is so directly opposed to the spirit of the proclamation of 1857, and which is so unEnglish in every respect. It is still more melancholy to note that after the blunder was committed it was persisted in till now.

The *Gujarati* observes :—The Natu brothers have been set free unconditionally and their property also released from attachment, and thus one of the most stupendous and inexcusable blunders of the administration now about to close has been at last repaired.

The *Indu Prakash* says :—All India will heartily rejoice at the release from all restraints of the Natu brothers and from sequestration, of their property, which act of grace and charity if not of justice, was with a peculiar fitness of things, done on a holy Christmas day.

The *Native Opinion* remarks :—It is a great relief to hear that the brothers Natu (Shrimant Balasaheb and Tatyasaheb) have been released from their incarceration in Belgaum and are put in full possession of their property. Perhaps the wail of the Natus did reach the ears of Lord Curzon, and their present liberation is the result. Their case, however, teaches us two lessons, viz., firstly that the Act of 1827 is a dangerous weapon in the hands of Government which if so minded, can imprison any individual without trial for any length of time—an Act which people must put forth their efforts to abrogate. The other lesson the Natu case teaches is that howsoever fully we may be guaranteed complete liberty, that liberty is nugatory in its nature till the said law exists.

The *Gujarat Mitra* says :—The news that Sardar Natu and his brother have been restored to complete freedom within this week by the Government must be received with much apparent satisfaction in the whole country. It is a relief to the people to know that Government have at last thought desirable that the unfortunate brothers should be set at liberty and put in full possession of their property. The restraints have been set aside, the parole is done away with and the Natus breathe once more the free air of British citizens.

THE INDIAN CONGRESS AT LUCKNOW.

The vernacular papers seem to think that the last sitting of the Indian Congress at Lucknow was a success. The *Indian Spectator* takes a sensible view of the affair and says :—The National Congress began its sittings on Wednesday. The presence of a fairly large number of Mahomedan delegates is an auspicious sign. The address of the Chairman of the Reception Committee wound up with an earnest vindication of the loyalty of educated Indians. The Congress, as we have said more than once before, need not fear any outside opposition. If it be true to itself, true to the grand idea conveyed by its name ; if it aspires to be truly national, and steadily resists every temptation to become sectional, or to be identified with movements which have a purely sectarian object, it will, sooner or later, with or without the sympathy of the powers-that be, become the means of doing great good to this country.

The *Native Opinion* writes :—The sittings of the fifteenth Indian National Congress commenced on Wednesday last at the historical city of Lucknow under the best of auspices and promise to be a grand success. In spite of some petty efforts of the Anti-Congress party, who, as usual, did their best to bring obstacles in the way of this great annual gathering by misrepresenting its aims and objects, and by directly protesting against the holding of the meeting at Lucknow, over 750 delegates assembled from different parts of India to join in the deliberations of this year's session. Long before the date fixed for the meeting of the session, there were grand popular demonstrations held in the spacious *pandal* specially erected for the Congress, to express sympathy and confidence in the leaders of the movement.

The *Kaiser-i-Hind* observes :—The ancient and historic city of Lucknow witnessed a scene the like of which it had never witnessed before. There were gathered together from the four corners of this vast peninsula—from Assam to Peshawar and from Kashmir to Comorin—all that is highest and best in the Empire—highest and best in the domains of culture, philanthropy and self-sacrifice, Hindoos, Mahomedans, Parsis, Brahmoes and Christians went to that ancient city as representatives from almost every important town of India in order to meet for the common purpose of laying their wants and grievances for the favourable considerations of their rulers. It was a scene which could only have been enacted under the British rule, and a spectacle which no country in the world but India could have presented.

The *Gujarati* discourses :—On Sunday last there was held at Lucknow the grandest demonstration the Congress has ever organized. It was, indeed, an unprecedented sight. The gathering consisted of at least thirty-thousand persons, half of them being Mahomedans, representing the old royalty, aristocracy, traders and lawyers. More than seven thousand were accomodated in the congress pavilion and the rest were addressed from six different platforms. Resolutions expressing confidence in Sir William Wedderburn and the British Congress Committee were passed with great enthusiasm. This unique demonstration made such a profound impression that even the opponents of the Congress had to confess that it was a signal triumph of the Congress movement. It was amidst such encouraging signs and surroundings that the Fifteenth Congress opened.

SMOKE "RICHMOND GEM"—Cigarettes in round air-tight tins of 50, of all Tobacconists.

THE CALCUTTA PAPER CHASES.

THE fourth chase of this season was run on Sunday over a clearing line of fences and with excellent going under foot. Several people missed their way to the meet, which was rather difficult to find, but otherwise all went well. Syces are a thick headed lot at the best of times, and it is annoying to find yourself at one point and your syce and your hunter many weary miles away. This, however, befell Lady Jenkins and Major Daring and a few more yesterday. The field would have been a small one in any case as the same the night before was calculated to weed them out a bit, and one of old J's favorite "haphorisms" is very true, namely, that "him as does much doncin' won't do much ridin" Dallin, with Dinah and cold turkey and ham in the small hours is not conducive to a cast-iron seat. In fact most of those whom we saw having a dart at the fences wore gooseberry eyes and a wash-ball seat, the ladies of course excepted ! Mrs. Walker by the way was the only lady in the race, and one was very glad to see her get placed and thereby still keep the average cup well in hand.

The line lay from the road which runs at right angles to the monsoon ride out into the Salt Lakes across in the direction of Jodhpur Station, the screw pins fence being jumped the reverse way, and then met again into the open and home to the same place it started from. There was a little grief, but no one was hurt. Captain Allanson was decanted on to the floor at the first wall, and Mr. McKellar in trying to get Amalgam out of the way of the fallen officer lost his gravitation reckoning and down he went. I saw no other falls. For about the first mile Sunlight led followed by Lilac, Paleface, Idolator, Mr. Orr, the Bun, Flatcatcher, Drums Islornsay and Franciscan late Jimmy. After the screw pins Sunlight was beaten by Paleface and Lilac took it on, being in their turn displaced by Franciscan the moment the open country was reached, and Lord Suffolk, never had any more trouble but won all the way.

GOLF AND GOLFERS.

IT has been decided that the Amateur Championship, which in the ordinary course of rotation falls to be played on the links of the St. George's Club at Sandwich, is to take place during the week commencing Monday May 7. No doubt the first day of the week will be employed as usual in deciding the annual contest for the St. George's Challenge Vase—a competition which in past years has been a marked feature of the Championship Meetings at Sandwich, the present holder of the vase being Mr. F. G. Tait, who so easily secured the trophy at the Open Championship Meeting last June.

Apropos of Mr. Tait, I hear there is little possibility of the distinguished Scottish amateur being back from the Cape in time to take part in the two big meetings of the year—a fact which, from a golfing point of view, is sincerely to be regretted, as, considering the very prominent part he has taken in notable events, particularly the "Amateur," the championship will not appear quite its own self without the gallant officer. Another rumour I hear is that the regiment to which Mr. Tait belongs will, in all probability, be stationed abroad almost immediately after the conclusion of the present year, and that we may not see the ex-champion on a British golf links for some years to come.

I hear that negotiations have been carried through for a team of Edinburgh golfers, captained by Mr. John Anderson, the well-known Musselburgh golfer, to visit Lancashire and Cheshire in the first week in April, and play the local clubs on similar lines to the tour of the Oxford and Cambridge Society last year. I believe matches have already been arranged with the Lytham and St. Annes, Formby, and West Lancashire Clubs, and it is not improbable that the team will also appear at Hoylake and Southport. Every effort will be made to bring as strong a team as possible, and from the names I have already heard mentioned as probable members of the northern contingent, I should say there is every likelihood of them giving the Formby, West Lancashire, and St. Annes Clubs a very good game, even if they should not prove equal to the task of successfully coping with the full strength of the Royal Liverpool Club.

When one looks back at the golfing performances of the past season he cannot help being struck with the comparative lack of success of what may be termed the younger generation of players, alike in the amateur and professional spheres of the game. In professional events Vardon and Taylor have literally carried all before them. Where Vardon failed Taylor invariably succeeded, and where both failed—a very rare occurrence—Braid, Herd, or others of the older school of players managed to keep the premier honours away from the younger school—of whom young Tom Williamson, of Nottingham, is, on the form shown during the past season, the most promising. Certainly, like the other juniors, he failed when opposed to the seniors, but on several occasions he was well to the front with a record superior to many of the older professionals. What is more, the experience he was continually gaining apparently matured his game, as his performances at the latter end of the season—particularly his match with Vardon and his defeat of Herd on the latter's green at Huddersfield—certainly gave promise of a brilliant future. At the beginning of the year none of the younger professionals appeared to have a more promising career than Sherlock, of Oxford, but his public performances have hardly justified the reputation then given to him, and he appears to just lack the power necessary to hold his own with Vardon, Taylor, &c.

As with the professionals, so it has been with the amateurs. Mr. Ball and Mr. Tait have carried away the championship honours—Mr. Tait and Mr. Laidlay the chief club trophies in Scotland. The professionals of the young players, like Messrs. Graham, Ellis, Robb, Maxwell, and M'Kenzie, are still as promising as ever, but their performances have been somewhat unduly dwarfed by the more brilliant work of their seniors during the present year of grace. It may be the turn of the younger generation next year.

The proposal made by Miss H. M. Frere to institute a qualifying round in the Ladies' Championship met with an overwhelming defeat at the meeting of the Ladies' Union last Tuesday, and the competition will still continue to be played on the old lines—purely match play. A qualifying round, either by score or "bogey" play, the ladies would have none of, and in this they have only followed the example set them by the body who have the charge of the arrangements in connection with the amateur championship when the matter was brought forward a short time ago. The presumed utility of a qualifying round is to weed out the weaker players, and so eliminate as far as possible the luck of the draw, which is undoubtedly a marked feature in the present system of deciding the amateur championship. It has been tried in America, apparently with success, as both the amateur championships are still decided under this system ; but golfers on this side of the water are far too conservative a body to depart from the beaten track of match play. The suggestion made on several hands that no lady should be allowed to enter unless her play in the past in club events qualifies her for a certain handicap, might serve to take the place of the qualifying round ; but on the other hand a championship is surely open to all, and such a restriction would make it, in a sense, a limited event.

Judging by their recent form, the Oxford University team is exceptionally strong this year. Their most recent performance against the Crookham Club was particularly brilliant, especially considering the fact that they had one or two of their best men away, including Mr. H. C. Ellis, and that they were playing on their opponents' green. Mr. T. M. Hunter, who took Mr. Ellis's place at the head of the team, did well in defeating the converted cricketer, Mr. E. H. Buckland, by two holes, while it was noticeable that Mr. Bramston was playing in second position in the team, and justified his place by defeating his opponent, Mr. Cloete, by six holes. On this and other form, particularly what they displayed against the Oxford and Cambridge Society, there does not appear much chance of the Light Blues reversing the result of last year.

The St. Andrew's Cross, which has served as the scratch trophy at the St. Andrew's Meeting of the West Lancashire Club for some eighteen or nineteen years past, has now passed away from the precincts of the West Lancashire Golf Club into the hands of Mr. R. Goold, who successfully emerged from the final round of the tournament, which was a relict of the late St. Andrew's Meeting of the club. Playing off for what has for years been a scratch trophy, under handicap conditions, is not a method which would probably commend itself to everyone—at least from a sentimental point of view—but as the donor, Sir William Forwood, requested that the prize should be played off for, the council of the club decided, after consideration, that the best method would be to decide the ultimate destination of the trophy under handicap tournament play amongst the players returning the first eight net returns at the St. Andrew's Meeting of the club. In the preliminary heats Mr. Hilton, Mr. Goold's opponent on Saturday, defeated Messrs. Halsall and Tootel, whilst Mr. Goold accounted for Messrs. Hall and Greenwood, his match with the last-named, to whom he was conceding one stroke, being especially close, as after a halved game, he just proved successful on the last green at the second time of asking by one hole. Similar fortune befell him in the final, as, after having all the best of the initial portion of the round, he eventually stood three up, with six holes to go, having, however, received six of the seven strokes he was entitled to. At the 16th he was in the comfortable position of dormy two. The seventeenth he lost, but, as he received a stroke at the eighteenth, the match looked as good as over. He made a serious mistake, however, with his second, and eventually having to play back, it looked as though the match were to be halved after all. Mr. Hilton failed however, to take advantage of the opportunity, and, missing a putt of some five feet, which would have enabled him to square matters the match went to Mr. Goold. A peculiar coincidence was the fact that these two players met in the final of the Captain's Tournament at Hall-road some nine years ago, with an exactly similar result, Mr. Goold winning on the last green by one hole. The condition of the green did not add to the interest in the match, as, owing to the frost, the putting greens were as hard as adamant, and the way the ball skidded about the green occasionally bordered on the ludicrous.

A report is once more current that some of the leading American-born amateur players will visit Britain next year and take part in some of the leading events including the amateur championship at Sandwich in May. Amongst the names mentioned is that of Mr. H. M. Harriman, the present holder of the American championship, and the presence of the first American-born golfer to win the chief honours of his country would certainly give an added interest to the great contest in May. Moreover it would enable us to obtain some accurate idea of the relative merits of British and American amateur golfers.

H. H. HILTON.

Liverpool, Dec. 14.

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TRAGEDY AT NORTH MELBOURNE.

THE few people who happened to be in Howard street, North Melbourne, shortly after noon on Saturday Dec. 16th were surprised to see a woman run excitedly from a house dragging a little girl by the hand, and screaming loudly for help. They were next startled to observe a man dash from the same house, and, flourishing a long butcher's knife in his hand, set off in pursuit of the woman. Fortunately one of the spectators was Constable John Loorham, who was on his beat in Cross-street, a little thoroughfare running at right angles to Howard-street. The woman caught sight of the constable and ran shriekingly towards him, with her assailant close at her heels. The constable ran to meet and protect the woman, and there were a few exciting moments before it could be decided who would reach her first. When the constable was about five or six yards off, however, the man seized the woman by the left shoulder and made a savage lunge at her body. Instinctively she raised her arm to protect herself, and the blade of the knife made a nasty gash on her arm. Twice more he struck at her, wounding her on the chest in two places, but before he could raise the knife for another attempt the man was seized by Constable Loorham, who caught him by the hand which held the weapon. The man then loosened his hold of the woman who fell unconscious to the ground. Constable Loorham took possession of the knife and the man, looking at his victim exclaimed, "Now I am satisfied. I have done what I intended to do." Constable Davey then arrived on the scene, and assisted Constable Loorham to secure the man, who was lodged in the North Melbourne Watchhouse. The woman was driven to the Melbourne Hospital.

AUSTRALIA.

A 17 year old son of Mr. Thomas Ladlaw, of Gasup, was bitten by a snake yesterday whilst at work in a field. The lad promptly tied his finger with a piece of binder twine and his father signed the wound with a hot iron. He was then attended to by a school teacher, who injected strychine. The lad is out of danger.

Just as vignerons were beginning to think they were safe from phylloxera, news from Australia has been received that the disease has occurred in the vineyard of Mr. M. Cussen, on the Mooroopna-road Tatura. Inspector Letts, who visited the vineyard, found phylloxera in a very advanced stage. According to M. Dubois, the chief expert, there is no method of coping with the disease but by replanting with resistant vines, and this cannot be done until the law is altered. M. Dubois has recommended vignerons to combine and petition the Government to permit resistant stock to be planted next season, and also to ask the Government to establish nurseries in all phylloxera infested districts, in order that sufficient quantities of suitable vines may be available as soon as possible.

A sad drowning fatality occurred at Sydney, on December 10, in the Murrumbidgee, near Yass. A party of cadets, with a few men, were camping out, and two cadets, Bede Kiely and John Davis, went swimming, when Kiely was taken down in the quick sand, and Davis immediately followed. The alarm was given to the camp, and Jerry Mead, W. Sunderland, Fred Mote and others went to the rescue. Mead and Sunderland were also drowned in trying to save Kiely and Davis, and Roy Barker and Fred Mote were rescued with great difficulty. The Yass police have gone out to recover the bodies.

A commotion took place at Aspendale Park, Melbourne, on December 6th, occasioned by the mad rush of a frightened racehorse through the betting ring. The horse, Fleurette, was tied to a somewhat frail hurdle in the saddling paddock ; but she resented the idea of being tethered, and, after numerous exertions, released herself, dragging away portion of the hurdle. She careered wildly past horses and men in the saddling paddock, headed straight for the betting ring, knocked down an elderly lady who was engaged in the congenial occupation of collecting on a winning ticket, missed the bag of the bookmaker who was paying out, galloped through a thick crowd of backers and layers, without, remarkable to say, doing any damage, and finally stopped in a distressed condition near the grand stand. The mare was uninjured but the lady had her shoulder badly hurt, and besides, she was much affected by shock.

A young man named Jeffries, a resident of the Upper Murray, new South Wales was injured seven years ago while handling a rifle, the cartridge blowing out at the breech, and a piece of brass, about half an inch in length lodging in his nose. He felt no discomfort from the injury until last week, when the part where the brass splinter had entered became very painful, and Jeffries decided to come to Albury to have an operation performed for the removal of the piece of metal. On his way down in the coach the brass came away while he was blowing his nose and the operation was rendered unnecessary.

THE SAMOAN AGREEMENT.

FEELING IN THE GROUP.

ADVICES from Apia, Samoa, dated 28th November, state that the agreement between Germany and England with regard to the group has created diverse feelings of pleasure and disappointment. The German residents were, on the whole, in great delight. The Britishers received the news calmly and with a readiness to submit to the new order. The Samoans who upheld the contention of Mataafa do not express much enjoyment, but feel satisfaction at having gained a point over their opponents. The Malietoa people are downcast. Although they knew England was not desirous of annexing the country, they were wishing that she would hold out for the neutrality of the islands. Their adversaries are urging them to submit gracefully, and with a determination to assist the German Government in maintaining peace and order in Samoa.

Malietoa Tanu Mann is now in Fiji, and some of his people are leaving to-day for that place to present a petition to the Governor, the full nature of which is not made public. It is reported that a large number desire to leave Samoa and take up their abode on some island held by Great Britain. Many of them say that until the day arrives when the German flag is hoisted they will try to effect other arrangements, but when the question is finally settled they will abide by all laws.

The chief of police and others have been hard at work in obtaining information concerning the murder of Mr. Frank Cornwall. The Government has offered a reward of £150 for information that will lead to apprehension of the murderer.

The works of the United States Government at Pagopago have turned out a failure. After getting down to a depth of 90 feet, the contract depth, with the piles, the contractors find that the solid bottom could not be touched. There are thousands of dollars worth of plant and material on the ground, and it is reported that the works will have to be abandoned until other arrangements are made.—*Melbourne Age.*

THE YOCHOU TROUBLES : FURTHER DETAILS.

NEWS has just reached us of a Roman Catholic disturbance at Yochou. For some time the Roman Catholics in that prefecture have been in a state of constant feud with the people. Scores of petitions have been pouring into the yamen from the gentry and people complaining of their doings. Last month the city was full of students, attending the district examinations. From the first there has been a great deal of friction between the students and the Roman Catholic converts. But they did not come to blows till one day four students were seized by some converts, taken to the Roman Catholic establishment, and beaten there. The gentry and students resolved to have their revenge, so about noon on the 23rd ultimo some thousands of them attacked the Roman Catholic establishment and smashed the doors, windows, furniture, and everything else they could lay their hands on. They were prevented from demolishing the building itself by the sudden appearance of the authorities on the ground. The students, however, refused to disperse, and the officials were compelled to spend the whole night on the premises in order to prevent further mischief. The scholars and gentry were boiling over with rage and for days the place was covered with placards threatening the extermination of the R. C. Church in those parts. The officials were in a state of great alarm, not knowing what to do. Lo, the foreign Father in charge, was there at the time of the riot, but fortunately managed to make his escape by a back door.—*N. C. Herald.*

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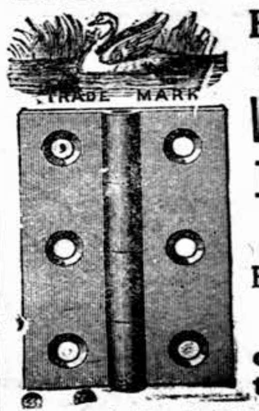

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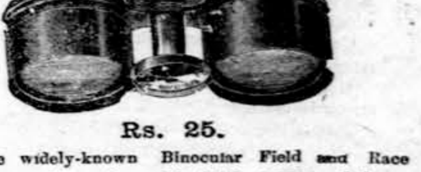

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WRITERS AND READERS.

MR. LESLIE STEPHEN is now finishing his book on "The English Utilitarians," meaning in particular Bentham and the two Mills. The work is in three large volumes, which will be published all together early in the spring.

It is said that Ibsen is at present arranging his papers with a view to their ultimate publication as memoirs. Another statement with reference to him is also circulating on the Continent—that he means his new play to be his last one. The obvious remark upon both matters is that though Ibsen grows old he keeps very hale and vigorous.

It has been generally known that Mr. Barrie was engaged upon a novel having the character of a sequel to Sentimental Tommy. The story is written christened Tommy and Grizel, and will begin to appear serially in the January number of Scribner's. Mr. Bernard Partridge is illustrating the novel which, it may be said, Mr. Barrie's friends regard as one of his happiest efforts.

From the beginning of the new year that long established magazine, The Argosy, will be published by Mr. George Allen. Since the business of Bentley's was merged in that of Messrs. Macmillan the latter firm have issued The Argosy. It stood for a good deal in the history of Bentley's, in particular for the intimate association of Messrs. Henry Wood with the house. Now it will be edited by Mr. Herbert Morrah who intends to develop many fresh features in it.

The December number of Lady Randolph Churchill's Anglo-Saxon Review was ready to go to press when the fire occurred at Messrs. Ballantyne's, the printers. There is not likely to be much delay in getting the number in hand again. It includes an article by Dr. Garnett on Mr. Stephen Philips's play, which is going into a fourth edition. Another contributor to the quarterly is Mrs. Atherton, the American writer. Lady Randolph Churchill leaves almost at once for South Africa and no doubt the Anglo-Saxon Review will testify to her experiences there.

A volume which will rather appeal to a war time like the present is announced by Messrs. Chatto It is a group of biographical sketches by Mr. Charles Lowe of Our Greatest Living Soldiers. Mr. Lowe is a student of military things, and while resident in Germany saw much of the Kaiser's legions. Here he tells in a popular way the life stories of the men who have done most of our own fighting. His list includes Lord Wolseley, Lord Roberts, Sir Evelyn Wood, Lord Kitchener, Sir Donald Stewart, Sir Francis Grenfell and Colonel Hector Macdonald. The book will have portraits.

Mr. Goldwin Smith makes a pathetic remark in the preface to his history of the United Kingdom, which Messrs. Macmillan will publish immediately. "The friends who urged the writer to undertake this task," he says, "know that it has been performed by the hand of extreme old age." Happily, however, Mr. Goldwin Smith keeps quite vigorous, as this new book will show. The limited aim of it, he says, is to give the ordinary reader a clear, connected view of the political history of the United Kingdom as it appears in the light of recent research and discussion.

Professor Sayce of Oxford has written the first volume of a series of handbooks which Mr. Nimmo is to publish under the title The Semitic Series. The purpose of the volumes is to present in what may be called a popular scientific form a knowledge of the more important facts relating to the Babylonians, Assyrians, and allied Semitic races of ancient history. In each case the author of a volume will be a specialist on the subject of which it treats. The title of Professor Sayce's book is "Babylonians and Assyrians." and it describes the life and customs of these peoples.

Sir Edward Fry's memoir of James Hack Tuke, Quaker and philanthropist, will be published immediately by Messrs. Macmillan. Sir Edward tells us that Tuke's friends were anxious to have some memorial of him, and that he was asked by Mrs. Tuke to write it. His task, in considerable part, has been the making of selections from Tuke's letters and papers, and from the notes kept by Mrs. Tuke. For this task Sir Edward, to quote his own words, possessed one qualification—a friendship of many years' standing with Tuke, and a great admiration for his beautiful character. Many people may ask, Who was Tuke?

He was one of those who work quietly and ardently for the well-being of humanity. A native of York, he belonged to a family of Quaker merchants, and himself became a partner in a bank at Hitchin in 1852. At Hitchin he dwelt until his death four years ago. The bulk of this memoir refers to Tuke's voluntary labor in Ireland, which began in 1846, when he joined Mr. W. Forster and his son, subsequently Mr. Gladstone's Chief Secretary, in the relief of the distress caused by the famine. He repeated his efforts in 1879, when the cry of famine was again heard. Irish emigration was a subject of deep study with him, and his letters should illumine it.

Mrs. Humphry Ward is to contribute a serial story of Italian life to Harper's Magazine.—Mr. Zangwill's new story, which refers to English life, will also appear serially in this magazine.—Messrs. Chatto are just adding a volume to their collected edition of Bret Harte's works. It is entitled Tales of Trail and Town.—They are also bringing out a three-and-six penny edition of Mr. W. H. Mallock's well-known novel, The New Republic. It has to do, as the subtitle records, with culture, faith, and philosophy in a country house.—Boy Life in the Prairie is a volume of stories and sketches by Mr. Hamlin Garland which Messrs. Macmillan will publish at once.—In January Messrs. Duckworth are to have ready a racing story by Mr. Edward H. Cooper. It is entitled The Monk Wins.—Folly Corner, a story of town and country life by Mrs. Henry Dudeney, will likewise appear in January, Mr. Heinemann being the publisher.—Mr. Lane is about to publish Mr. W. J. Locke's new novel, The White Dove.

Twenty thousand copies have now been sold of Mr. Fitzpatrick's book on the Transvaal, surely something like a record for a volume issued at ten shillings net.—Professor Sloane, whose monumental work on Napoleon Bonaparte appeared a year or two ago, is now writing an account of Napoleon's boyhood. It will appear first in an American periodical.—Messrs. Chatto are taking over the publication of An Englishman in Paris, a book which made no small stir when it first appeared. It was anonymous, but, as everybody now knows, Mr. Albert Vandam is the author.—The first number of the latest venture in three-penny magazines, The Charing Cross Magazine, will be published.—Two more volumes in Mr. Murray's definitive edition of Byron are in the press. One contains The Giaour Bride of Abydos, and the Corsair. The other consists of letters covering the period 1816 to 1820—Cromwell published a Soldier's Catechism for the use of the Commonwealth Army as a companion to the Soldier's Bible. Two copies only of the Catechism are known to exist. One of these is in the possession of the Rev. Walter Begley, and is being republished by Mr. Elliot Stock in facsimile. Mr. Begley writes a short preface.—The Golliwogg, which has become quite famous in the Christmas books of Mrs. and Miss Upton is to be a character in the forthcoming pantomime at the Garrick Theatre. Mr. Edward Lauri will be the Golliwogg in a doll duet with Miss Letty Lind.—An examination in Dickens has been held by the "Daily News Weekly," which publishes the result in the current issue. One of the twenty-five questions, for example, was the following:—"Plato calls Love 'Magnus Dæmon.' Illustrate this view of the tender passion by reference to the amatory experiences of one of Dickens' characters." A Radcliffe-on-Trent lady won the first prize in the competition.

Count Joseph Potocki, whose original "comland" will be published by My. Rowland War about Christmas. This work, which we have just seen, is one of the most superbly illustrated books issued within recent years. It is to appear in a very limited edition, the price of which—seventy shillings—is a long way beyond the means of the man in the street. The book is printed on art paper, is in size an imperial quarto, and is bound in buckram. There are seventeen full page illustrations and about sixty-four smaller ones. The colouring is marvellously truthful, "A flight of locusts," "At the bait," "The rhinoceros at home," "Leopards in the jungle," "On the Tojo Plains," are admirable examples of work in photogravure.

Count Joseph Potnocki, whose original composition is translated by Mr. Jeremiah Curtin, is, we believe, the third Polish traveller who has penetrated into Somaliland. The first English traveller who attempted Somaliland was the late Sir Richard Burton, and he did it with his life in his hands. Inasmuch as he survived the exploit he was more fortunate than several of his successors. Burton landed in the Somali country nearly half a century ago. The mystery of Somaliland, and the chance of getting his throat cut, were temptations which Burton could not resist. The Somalis are now as friendly and helpful to travellers as they were savagely hostile in the fifties, Count Joseph Potocki attributes this welcome change to the silent, unaggressive influence of the British Government. As soon as the Somali saw that they were not to be conquered, or otherwise interfered with they welcomed English sportsmen, and began to make money by them. Somaliland, thanks to British influence, is nowadays as safe as the Yorkshire moors. The British Government permits sport only on certian conditions—one of its chief purposes being to prevent the reckless destruction of big game.

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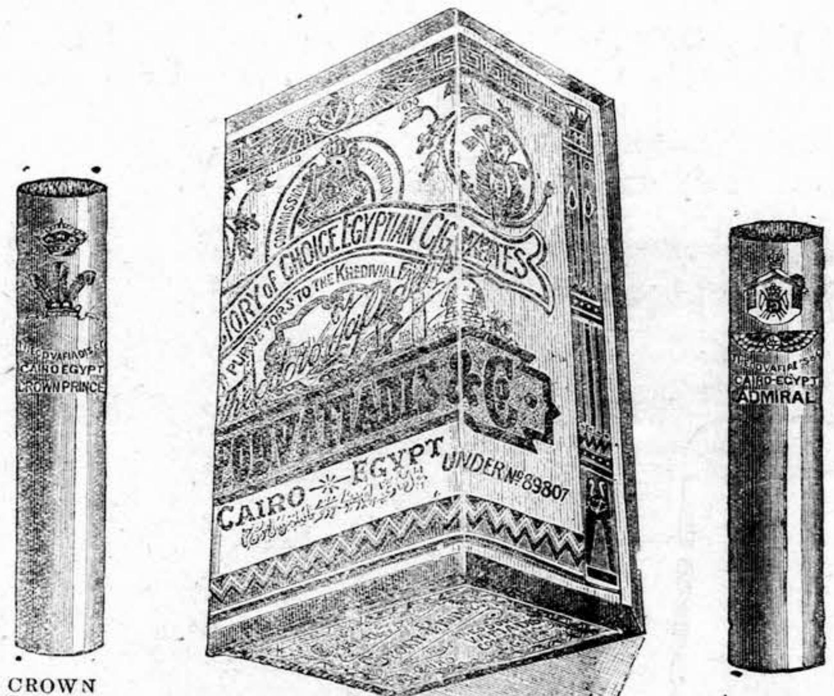

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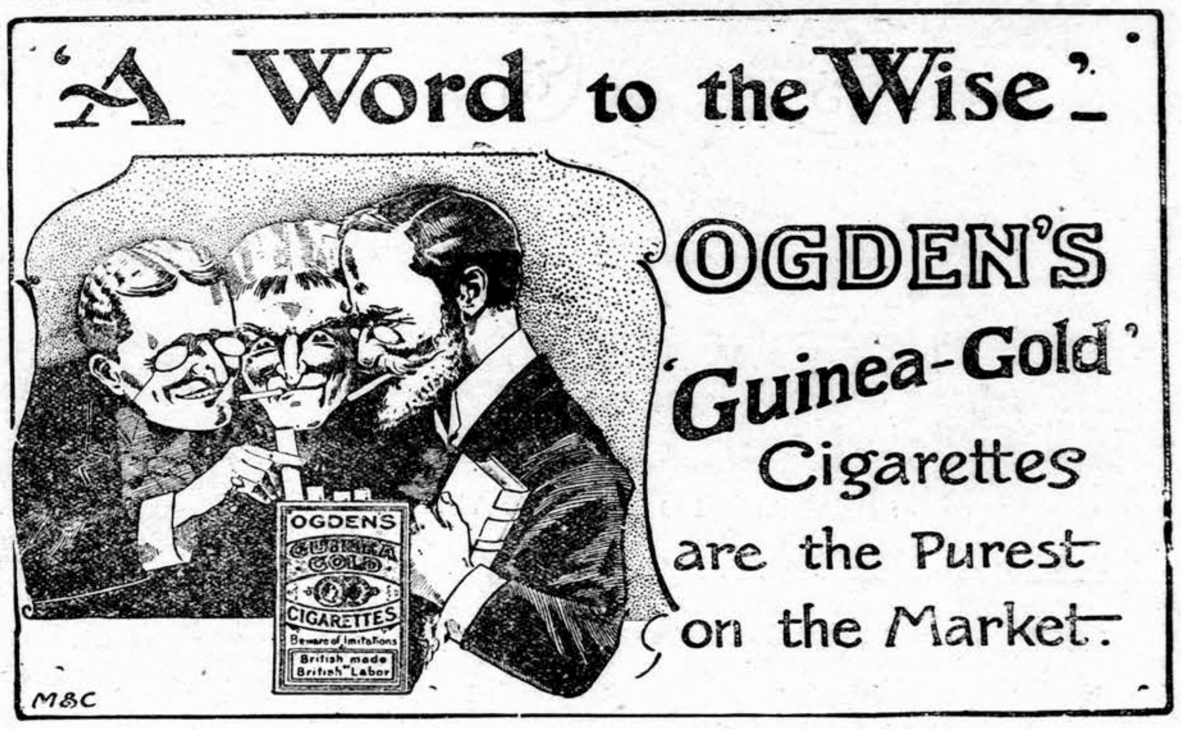

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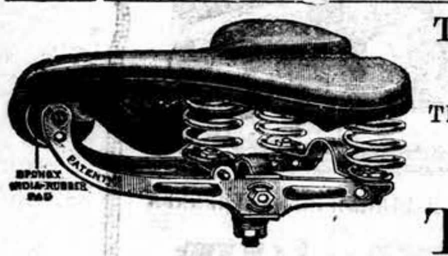

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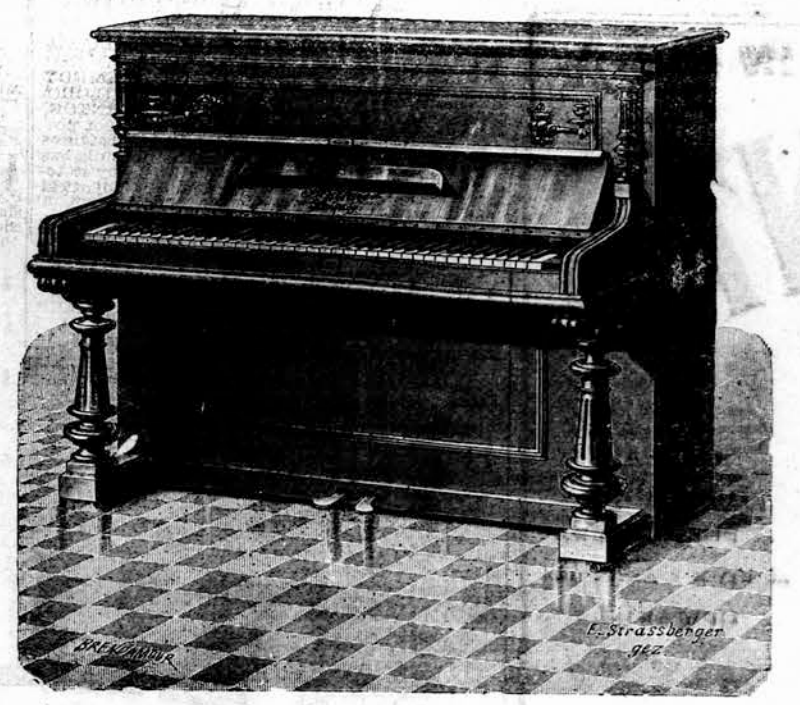

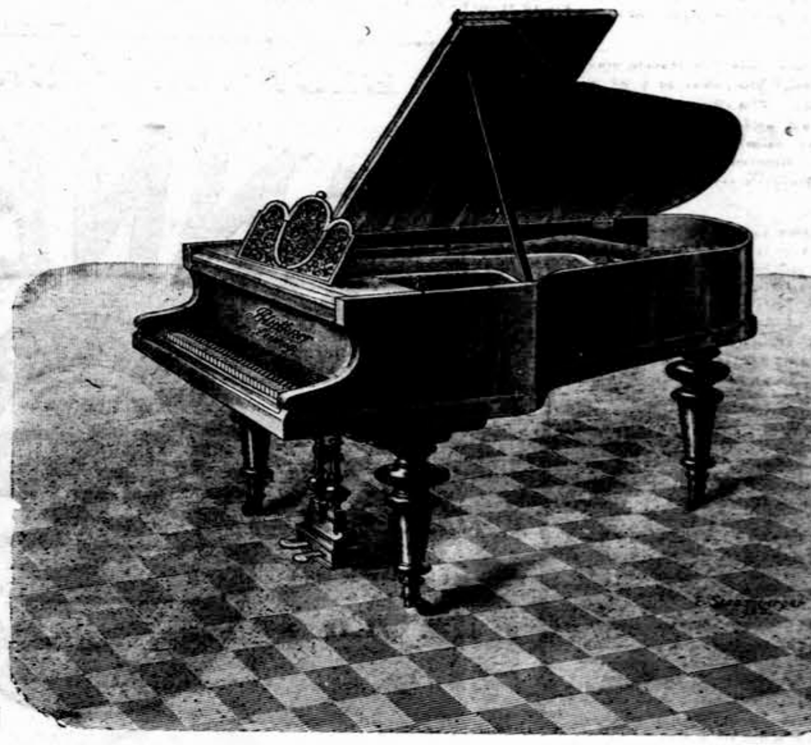

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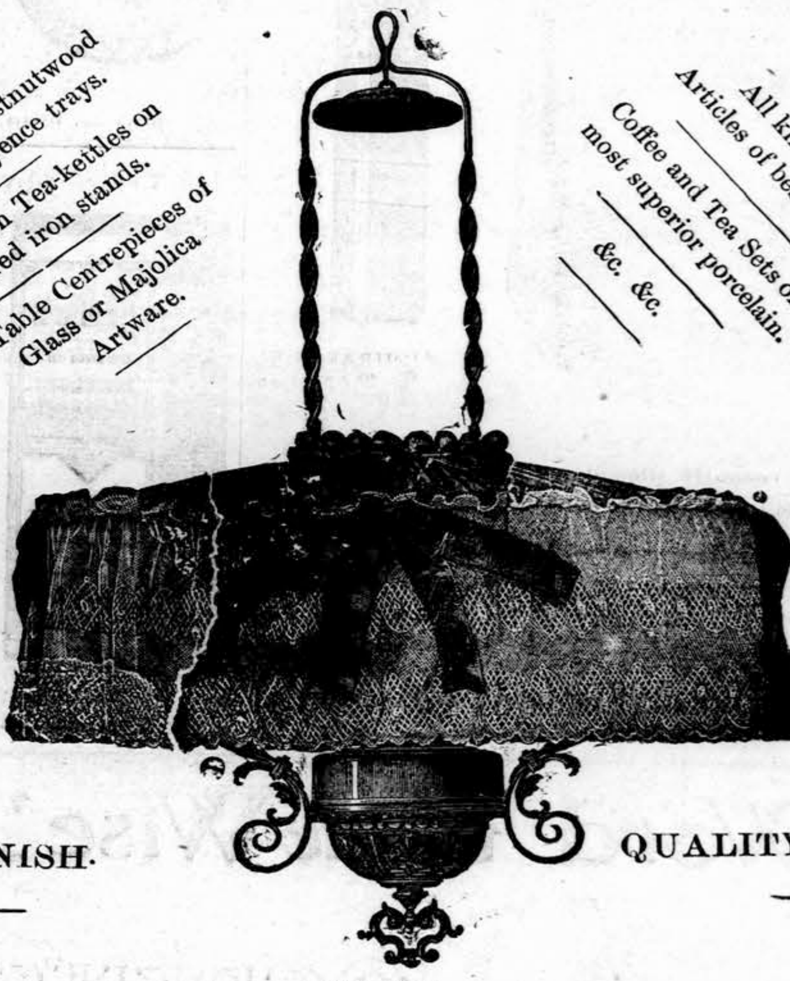

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